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SUMMA[RY]

Henry Campbell-Bannerman has been [presen]ted with the freedom of the city of [Edinb]urgh.

President of the Board of Trade is [hopefu]l that a peaceful settlement of the [railwa]y dispute will be s[een].

Asquith says the [Colon]ial Conference [showed] the Australian tariff combined to [...] then freetrade in Great Britain.

[The] crew of the torpedo boat destroyer [...] at Vladivostock, mutinied, and hoisted [the re]d flag.

[A] destroyer steamed into the bay, and [opene]d fire on the town, troops ashore.

[A gu]nboat and three destroyers replied, the [mutineers] being riddled with shells. Many of [those] on board were ki[lled].

[Gr]eat ... [consternation] ... has caused by an [earthqu]ake at T... Russian Turkes[tan].

[The] town of Karatag in Bokhara, was [destroyed] and the bulk of the inhabitants, numbering 15,000, perished.

[The S]ecretary of War ... promised to create [a]n army division ... commanded by a [...] officer of the ... own.

[The] Government of Bengal has warned the [Govern]ment of India of the situation might [be]come very seri[ous].

[The L]ieutenant-Governor thinks it impera[tive] the Government should take power [to prev]ent speaking and writing.

[A c]ontingent of 61 domestic servants [for Sy]dney has sailed in the steamer Mil[...].

[...]s of about 50 domestic servants will [...] fortnightly.

Winston Churchill, Under-Secretary for [the Co]lonies, was entertained at a ban[quet at] Mombassa, British East Africa.

[He p]aid a high tribute to Mr. Chamberlain's [work] in respect to tropical possessions [of the] Empire.

[Lieut]enant Shackleton, commander of the [Antarc]tic expedition, will leave Marseilles for [...] in the R.M.S. India to-day.

[A go]ods train at Lare collided with a pas[senger] train. Both drivers were killed, and [two pers]ons were injured.

California Safe Deposit and Trust Com[pany], one of the singest companies in San [Franci]sco, has temporarily suspended pay[ment].

New Zealand footballers have defeated [...]ons by 3 goals, tries to 1 goal 1 try.

[Mess]rs. Nielsen and Stuart Robertson were [sus]pended in the assembly last night and [remove]d from the chamber for refusing to [obey t]he Chairman's ruling.

[Mr.] Fisher, the new Federal Labour lea[der, w]ill not exercise the same power as [that w]ielded by Mr. Watson.

[He w]ill be little more than chairman of the [party].

[The] conference between the proprietors and miners' representatives at Newcastle [ended] abruptly.

[The] proprietors would not concede more [than 1]d per ton advance in the hewing rate.

[A de]adlock which may have serious conse[quence]s to Newcastle in the near future has [been r]eached.

[The] proposal for the transfer of the North[ern T]erritory to the Commonwealth has been [passe]d in the South Australian Assembly.

[It is] stated that the Government will expe[rience] difficulty in securing a majority in the [Counci]l.

[The] fodder duties were discussed in com[mittee] of the House of Representatives yes[terday].

[In] consequence of the ravages of the [drough]t, it was proposed to suspend the [duties] for 12 months.

[Mr.] Fuller said a ring formed in New South [Wales] and Victoria imposed extravagant [prices] for fodder.

[An] amendment to suspend the duty for 12 [month]s was negatived on division by 25 to 23.

[An a]mendment to place hay and chaff on the [free l]ist was rejected on division by 24 to 20.

[A] motion to place linotype operators on [the cl]assified list of Civil servants was nega[tived] in the Senate.

[The] Prime Minister said yesterday that to [compl]ete consideration of the tariff, even for four [days], on Cup Day would be a serious mat[ter].

[The] House of Representatives would there[fore] meet as usual on Tuesday next.

[The] Sydney Labour Council last night, by 21 [...] decided to hear the International [...] list delate.

[Fir]emen firemen and trimmers on the Warri[mo]o resigned in a body, objecting to work [with] one of the engineers.

[Th]eir places were filled from the shore at Webston, and the departure of the [vessel] was not delayed.

[The] State revenue for the past quarter shows [an in]crease of £574,815 over the corresponding [period] of 19[06].

[The] monthly revenue from the railways and [tram]ways increased by £139,566.

[At] the Methodist Synod (Sydney district), it [was] decided to confer with other churches as [to] setting apart of a day of general humi[liation] and prayer for rain.

[The] British rifle team was welcomed by the [Lord] Mayor of Melbourne yesterday.

[The] population of the State increased by [...] during the last nine months. A large [numb]er came from Victoria.

[A] man named Tait fell a depth of 70ft down [the] Proprietary mine at Broken Hill yester[day], and was killed.

[The] sitting of the Victorian Assembly was [brou]ght to sudden termination yesterday.

[The] Government narrowly escaped defeat on [an a]mendment in the Estimates affecting the [Audi]tor-General's Office.

[Mr.] Bent said that he intended to consider [the] position of the House. Other Ministers [did n]ot regard the matter so seriously.

[Tr]ouble anticipated with the fire in the Wim[...] mine, Newcastle.

[Th]e members of the Sydney Wharf Labour[ers'] Union will from to-day receive an ad[vance] of 2d per hour in the overtime rates.

[Bri]gadier-General Gordon has suggested the [form]ation of a military automobile corps in [conn]ection with the encampment.

[Th]e Governor-General has presented a [hand]some challenge cup to be competed for [annu]ally in interstate yacht races.

[The G]overnor-General Hood reviewed 2000 Public [Scho]ol cadets in Centennial Park yesterday.

[Th]e construction of the tramline to Belle[vue] Hill is now fairly under way. The line [is a] mile in length.

[A] branch line of tramway is to be con[struc]ted from Botany-road to the Rosebery [Park] racecourse.

[A] deputation asked the Minister for Works [to r]esume the foreshores at East Balmain to [prov]ide wharfage facilities.

[The] ... River Estate resumption inquiry [was] commenced at Tamworth yesterday.

[A] train left the rails at Flinders-street [Rail]way station, Melbourne, and four passen[gers] were slightly injured.

Mr. W. H. Judkins leaves on an extended [tour] of the South Seas and New Zealand [sho]rtly for the benefit of his health.

[A n]umber of bookmakers were heavily [fine]d at Bendigo yesterday for street betting.

[Th]e Melbourne Master Bakers' Association [deci]ded to raise the price of bread from 6½d [to 7]d per 4lb loaf.

[The] record price for greasy wool was ob[tain]ed yesterday.

[F]our bales of A combing fleece, E.W.H., [...]al, Mudgee, brought 17¼d in the [...]

[...] the highest price obtained for [...] since the boom in 1899.

[...]ales were effected in investment [stocks on] 'Change yesterday, rates, as a [rule], without alteration.

[Despite] the tariff and the dry weather, the [customs] receipts continue heavy. There [was] an increase of £523,519 up to date.

[Usefu]l rains have fallen in this State, up [to an i]nch and a quarter being registered. [The] crops will be greatly benefited.

[To-da]y's forecast.—A few isolated showers [on the] coast and tablelands, but rain area [exten]ding towards north coast; becoming [fine an]d cooler generally.

FARMER'S FASHIONS AND FACTS.

We regret, despite an extra issue, that scores of people who applied were disappointed at not receiving copies of the October Number of Fashions and Facts. The demand was extraordinary.

The November issue is now ready. It is a bright little publication, and copies can be obtained free on application at our Inquiry Office, George-street, or will be sent to country patrons post free on request.

A special feature this month is a portrait of Madame Clara Butt Rumford and Mr. R. Kennerley Rumford; also an interesting interview with the former, giving a glimpse of the happy home and social life of the great singers.

The Fashions are fully dealt with; there is a page for the Children, with prize questions; a descriptive account, with illustrations of carpet-making in the East; Needle Work Notches and Fancy Work Facts; Toilet Talks; a Cookery Page; and our Guinea Prize Story.

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*OPHIR	6814	Coad	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 21
OROYA	6297	Laws	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	Dec. 5
*ORTONA	8000	Collins	Dec. 14	Dec. 17	Dec. 19

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R.M.S.	Tons.	Date.	R.M.S.	Tons.	Date.
Orotava	5080	Feb. 5	*†Asturias	12,200	Mar. 18
*†Orontes	9023	Feb. 19	*†Ortona	8,000	Apr. 1
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MAHENO (Turbine Steamer), TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, at 1 p.m. (No Cargo received on sailing day.)
WARRIMOO, SATURDAY, November 9, at 1 p.m.

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For HOBART DIRECT—
OONAH, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, at noon; and November 26.
From Hobart—November 5, 19.
For LAUNCESTON, via EDEN—
WAKATIPU, WEDNESDAY, November 13, at 10 a.m.; and November 27.
From LAUNCESTON—November 6, 20.
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For TONGA (Nukualofa, Haapai, Vavau), SAMOA (Apia), FIJI, thence to Sydney—
ATUA (Twin-screw), from Auckland, TUESDAY, November 12.
For FIJI DIRECT (Suva and Levuka), from Auckland—
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FROM MELBOURNE.

For NEW ZEALAND PORTS, via HOBART and BLUFF—
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BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, GLADSTONE, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, and RIVER PORTS, to CAIRNS,	YONGALA, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. WOLLOWRA, SATURDAY, Nov. 9. INNAMINCKA, SATURDAY, Nov. 16.
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MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, Transhipping to Port Pirie. ALBANY, Transhipping to HOPETOUN. FREMANTLE, Transhipping to PERTH, Geraldton, and North-West Ports.	**KYARRA (Without Transhipment), TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, noon, November 2, and KANOWNA (Without Transhipment), SATURDAY, noon, November 16, each 7000 tons, Twin Screws, Deck Cabins. Carrying First and Second Saloon and Steerage Passengers. Inspection invited. Early application for berths necessary. ** No cargo received for S.S. Kyarra after 10 a.m. To-morrow, Saturday.
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MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE, LUCINDA‡, GERALDTON‡, MOURILYAN‡, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, COOKTOWN,	WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., November 5. ARAMAC, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., November 12. ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., November 19.
THURSDAY ISLAND, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN,	ARAMAC, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., November 12. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)
NOUMEA (if sufficient inducement offers),	PILBARRA, WEDNESDAY, 5 p.m., November 27.
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WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, AND BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE (Transhipping to outports).	WIMMERA, SATURDAY, November 16, noon.

From MELBOURNE, via HOBART and BLUFF—WIMMERA, WEDNESDAY, December 4.

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MANNING RIVER.—Burrawong, This Day, 7 p.m.
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36 Inches wide	1/2½	13/6
36 Inches wide	1/3	14/3
36 inches wide	1/9	20/
36 Inches wide	1/11	22/
36 inches wide	2/3	25/6
36 inches wide	2/6	28/9

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30 Inches wide	/9½	9/3
30 inches wide	/10½	10/3
30 Inches wide	/11½	11/3
30 Inches wide	1/2½	13/9
30 inches wide	1/6	17/6
30 inches wide	1/11	22/
30 inches wide	2/3	25/6
30 inches wide	2/6	28/9
30 inches wide	2/9	32/

INDIA DIMITY.

	Per Yard.	Per Doz.
For Dresses; in microscopical Checks and Stripes; 28 inches wide	/9½	9/3
28 inches wide	/11½	11/
28 inches wide	1/0½	12/
28 inches wide	1/1½	13/
28 inches wide	1/2½	13/9
28 inches wide	1/3½	14/6

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For Dresses and Blouses, 40 inches wide	/10½	9/11

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	Per Yard.	Per Doz.
Shrunk, 28 to 36 inches wide	/7½	7/3
Shrunk, 28 to 36 inches wide	/8½	8/3
Shrunk, 28 to 36 inches wide	/9½	9/3
Shrunk, 28 to 36 inches wide	/10½	10/
Shrunk, 28 to 36 inches wide	/11½	10/11
Shrunk, 28 to 36 inches wide	1/0½	11/11
Shrunk, 28 to 36 inches wide	1/1½	12/
Shrunk, 28 to 36 inches wide	1/2½	13/11
Shrunk, 28 to 36 inches wide	1/4½	15/9
Shrunk, 28 to 36 inches wide	1/6½	17/9
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LOST, from tram, between King and Goulburn sts, Parcel cont. lace; rew. Milton, Queen's-av, Bush-B.

LOST, 3 Yale Keys, on ring, at G.P.O., Wednesday. Finder telephone 479 Central.

LOST, Thurs., Gold Brooch, betw. Alberto-st, L'hardt, and Rozelle; rew. Mafeking, Alberto-st, L'hardt.

LOST, Printer's Proofs, Queen Vic. Mkts. and Wentworth-court; rew. Campbell and Co., Mullens-st.

LOST, Umbrella, Wed., imitation ... Reward, H. Small, Royal Exchange, Bridge-st.

LOST, from Hunter's Hill W[harf] ... Umbrella, Tues. Rew. if ret. Henning, ... Hill.

LOST, Thurs., 10.20 William-st ... Lace. Reward, White Hall, ...

LOST, black Bag, Stanmore-rd, ... purse, letter. Reward, Leo..., 20 Stanmore-rd.

LOST, bet. Mosman, Marrickville ... (Ethel). Rew. Kelso, Meeks-...

LOST, Wed. night, Livingstone-rd, or Petersham ... Purse, money. Rew. Pretoria, Silver-st, M'ville.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF WILLOUGHBY.

LISTS OF ELECTORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that LISTS OF ELECTORS for the Municipality of Willoughby are now being prepared, in accordance with Part 7 of the Local Government Act, 1906, and the attention of those interested is directed to the following provisions of the said Act:—

Section 55 (a): Oral tenants cannot be enrolled if they fail to make a statutory declaration as to their tenancy on or before the 14th day of November, 1907.

Declaration Forms may be obtained at this office.

Joint occupiers may nominate one of their number.

(b) Directors of any public company or body corporate may nominate (under seal) the manager, secretary, or one of the directors of such company or corporate, and a body of trustees may nominate one of their number as an elector.

All such nominations are to be in writing, and forwarded to me on or before the 14th day of November, 1907.

A. A. C. BASTIAN,
Council Clerk.

Town Hall, Willoughby,
1st November, 1907.

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Salary £60 per annum.
Papers must be submitted to the medical authorities, Sydney.
Applicants must be prepared to commence duties November 29th.
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Apply, with references, to
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RESPECTABLE BOY wanted, one just leaving school. State age. Opticus, Herald Office.

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GEO. H. OSBORNE,
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THE BROKEN ROAD.

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CHAPTER XXXII.—Continued.

Down the valley the roof-tops of Kohara began to show amongst the trees. The high palace on the hill with its latticed windows bulked against the evening sky. The sound of many drums was borne to the Resident's ears. The Residency stood a mile and a half from the town, in a great garden. A high wall enclosed it, but it was a house, not a fortress; and Phillips had at his command but a few Sikhs to defend it. One of them stood by the gate. He kept his ground as Shere Ali and his force approached. The only movement which he made was to stand at attention. And as Shere Ali halted at the entrance, he saluted. But it was Captain Phillips whom he saluted, and not the Prince of Chiltistan. Shere Ali spoke with the same quiet note of confident authority which had surprised Captain Phillips before, to the seven nobles at his back. Then he turned to the Resident.

"I will ride with you to your door," he said.

The two men passed alone through the gateway and along a broad path which divided the forecourt to the steps of the house. And not a man of all that crowd which followed Shere Ali to Kohara pressed in behind them. Captain Phillips looked back as much in surprise as in relief. But there was no surprise on the face of Shere Ali. He, it was plain, expected obedience.

"Upon my word," cried Phillips in a burst of admiration, "you have got your fellows well in hand."

"I?" said Shere Ali. "I am nothing. What could I do who a week ago was still a stranger to my people? I am a voice, nothing more. But the God of my people speaks through me"; and as he spoke these last words, his voice suddenly rose to a shrill trembling note, his face suddenly quivered with excitement.

Captain Phillips stared. "The man's in earnest," he muttered to himself. "He actually believes it."

It was the second time that Captain Phillips had been surprised within five minutes. And on this occasion the surprise came upon him with a shock. How it had come about, this was all dark to Captain Phillips. But the result was clear. The few words spoken as they had been spoken revealed the fact. The veneer of Shere Ali's English training had gone. Shere Ali had reverted. His own people had claimed him.

"And I guessed nothing of this," the Resident reflected bitterly. Signs of trouble he had noticed in abundance, but this one crucial fact which made trouble a certain and unavoidable thing—that had utterly escaped him. His thoughts went back to the nameless tomb in the courtyard of the fort.

"Luffe would have known," he thought in a very bitter humility. "Nay, he did know. He foresaw it."

There was yet a third surprise in store for Captain Phillips. As the two men rode up the broad path, he had noticed that the door of his house was standing open, as it usually did. Now, however, he saw it swing to—very slowly, very noiselessly. He was surprised, for he knew the door to be a strong heavy door of walnut wood, not likely to swing to even in a wind. And there was no wind. Besides, if it had swung to of its own accord, it would have slammed. Its weight would have made it slam. Yet it was not quite closed. As he reined in his horse at the steps, he saw that there was a chink between the door and the doorpost.

"There's someone behind that door," he said to himself, and he glanced quietly at Shere Ali. It would be quite in keeping with the Chilti character for Shere Ali politely to escort him home knowing well that an assassin waited behind the door; and it was with a smile of some irony that he listened to Shere Ali taking his leave.

"You will be safe, as long as you stay within your grounds. I will place a guard about the house. I do not make war against my country's guests. And in a few days I will send an escort and set you and your attendants free from hurt beyond our borders. But,"—and his voice lost its courtesy—"take care you admit no one, and give shelter to no one."

The menace of Shere Ali's tone roused Captain Phillips. "I take no orders from your Highness," he said dryly. "Your Highness may not have noticed that," and he pointed upwards to where on a high flagstaff in front of the house the English flag hung, against the sky.

"I give your Excellency no orders," replied Shere Ali. "But on the other hand I give you a warning. Shelter so much as one man and that flag will not save you. I should not be able to hold in my men."

Shere Ali turned and rode back to the gates. Captain Phillips dismounted, and calling forward a reluctant groom gave him his horse. Then he suddenly flung back the door. But there was no resistance. The door swung in and clattered against the wall. Phillips looked into the hall, but the dusk was gathering in the garden. He looked into a place of twilight and shadows. He grasped his riding-crop a little more firmly in his hand and strode through the doorway. In a dark corner something moved.

"Ah, would you," cried Captain Phillips, turning sharply on the instant. He raised his crop above his head and then a crouching figure fell at his feet and embraced his knees; and a trembling voice of fear cried:

"Save me. Your Excellency will not give me up. I have been a good friend to the English."

For the second time the Khan of Chiltistan had sought refuge from his own people. Captain Phillips looked round.

"Hush," he whispered in a startled voice. "Let me shut the door."

CHAPTER XXXIII.

IN THE RESIDENCY.

Captain Phillips with a sharp gesture ordered the Khan back to the shadowy corner from which he had sprung out. Then he shut the door, and with the shutting of the door the darkness deepened suddenly in the hall. He shot the bolt, and put up the chain. It rattled in his ears with a startling loudness. Then he stood without speech or movement. Outside he heard Shere Ali's voice ring loud and clear, and the army of tribesmen clattered past towards the town. The rattle of their voices, the hum of their voices, diminished. Captain Phillips took his handkerchief from his pocket and wiped his forehead. He had the sensation of a man reprieved.

"But it's only a reprieve," he thought. "There will be no commutation."

He turned again towards the dark corner. "How did you come?" he asked in a low voice.

"By the orchard at the back of the house."

"Did no one see you?"

"I hid in the orchard until I saw the red coat of one of your servants. I called to him, and he let me in secretly. But no one else saw me."

"No one in the city?"

"I came barefoot in a rough cloak, with the hood drawn over my face," said the Khan. "No one paid any heed to me. There was much noise and running to and fro and polishing of weapons. I crept out on to the hillside at the back, and so came down into your orchard."

Captain Phillips shrugged his shoulders. He opened a door, and led the Khan into a room which looked out upon the orchard.

"Well, we will do what we can," he said, "but it's a very little. They will guess you are here at once, of course."

"Once before—" faltered the Khan, and Phillips broke in upon him impatiently.

"Yes, once before. But it's not the same thing. This is a house, not a fort, and I have only 25 men, including my servants, to defend it; and I am not Luffe." Then his voice sharpened. "Why didn't you lie to him? All this is your fault. Yours and Dowes', who didn't understand, and held his tongue."

The Khan was mystified by the words, but Phillips did not take the trouble to explain. He knew something of the Chilti character. They would have put up with the taxes, with the selling into slavery, with all the other abominations of the Khan's rule. They would have listened to the exhortations of the mullahs without anything coming of it, so long as no leader appeared. They were great acceptors of facts, as they were. Let the brother, or son, or nephew, murder the ruling Khan and sit in his place, they accepted his rule without any struggles of conscience. But let a man rise to lead them, then they would bethink them of the exhortations of their priests and of their own particular sufferings, and flock to his standard. And the man had risen—just because 25 years ago the Khan would not listen to Luffe.

"It's too late, however, for explanations," he said, and he slapped his hands together for a servant.

In a few moments the light of a lamp gleamed in the hall through the doorway. Phillips went quickly out of the room, closing the door behind him.

"Fasten the shutters first," he said to the servant in the hall. "Then bring the lamp in."

The servant obeyed, but when he brought the lamp into the room and saw the Khan of Chiltistan standing at the table with no more dignity of dress, or, indeed, of bearing, than any beggar in the kingdom, he nearly let the lamp fall.

"His Highness will stay in this house," said Phillips. "But his presence must not be spoken of. Will you tell Poultaney Sahib that I would like to speak to him?"

The servant bowed his forehead to the palms of his hands, and turned away upon his errand. But Poultaney Sahib was already at the door. He was the subaltern in command of the half-company of Sikhs which served Captain Phillips for an escort and a guard.

"You have the news, I suppose?" said Phillips.

"Yes," replied Poultaney. He was a wiry, dark youth, with a little black moustache, and a brisk manner of speech. "I was out on the hill after chikkor when my shikari saw Shere Ali and his crowd coming down the valley. He knew all about it, and gave me a general idea of the situation. It seems the whole country's rising. I should have been here before, but it seemed advisable to wait until it was dark. I crawled in between a couple of guard-posts. For there is already a watch kept on the house"—and then he stopped abruptly. He had caught sight of the Khan in the background. He had much ado not to whistle in his surprise. But he refrained and merely bowed.

"It seems to be a complicated situation," he said to Captain Phillips. "Does Shere Ali know?" and he glanced towards the Khan.

"Not yet," replied Phillips, grimly. "But I don't think it will be long before he does."

"And then there will be ructions," Poultaney remarked, softly. "Yes, there will be ructions of a highly-coloured and interesting description."

"We must do what we can," said Phillips, with a shrug of his shoulders. "It isn't much, of course," and for the next two hours the two men were kept busy. The doors were barricaded, the shutters closed upon the windows, and loopholed, and provisions were brought in from the outhouses.

"It is lucky we had sense enough to lay in a store of food," said Phillips.

The Sikhs were divided into watches and given their appointed places. Cartridges were doled out to them, and the rest of the ammunition was placed in a stone cellar.

"That's all that we can do," said Phillips. "So we may as well dine."

They dined with the Khan, speaking little and with ears on the alert, in a room at the back of the house. At any moment the summons might come to surrender the Khan. They waited for a blow upon the door, the sound of the firing of a rifle, or a loud voice calling upon them from the darkness. But all that they heard was the interminable babble of the Khan as he sat at the table shivering with fear and unable to eat a morsel of his food.

"You won't give me up! . . . I have been a good friend to the English. . . . All my life I have been a good friend to the English."

"We will do what we can," said Phillips, and he rose from the table and went up on to the roof. He lay down behind the low parapet and looked over towards the town. The house was a poor place to defend. At the back beyond the orchard the hillside rose and commanded the roof. On the east of the house a stream ran by to the great river in the centre of the valley. But the bank of the stream was a steep, slippery bank of clay, and less than a hundred yards down a small water-mill on the opposite side overlooked it. The Chiltis had only to station a few riflemen in the water-mill and not a man would be able to climb down that bank and fetch water for the Residency. On the west stood the stables and the storehouse and the barracks of the Sikhs, a square of buildings which would afford fine cover for an attacking force. Only in front within the walls of the forecourt was there any open space which the house commanded. It was certainly a difficult, nay, a hopeless place to defend.

But Captain Phillips, as he lay behind the parapet, began to be puzzled. Why did not the attack begin? He looked over the city. It was a place of tossing lights and wild clamours. The noise of it was carried on the night wind to Phillips' ears. But here about the house there was quietude and darkness. Here and there a red fire glowed where the guards were posted, and now and then a shower of sparks was flung up into the air as a fresh log was thrown upon the ashes; and a leaping flame would glisten on the barrel of a rifle and make ruddy the dark faces of the watchmen. But there was no sign of any attack.

(To be continued.)

IAN MACLAREN'S LAST STORY.

We have pleasure in announcing that we have secured the right of publishing the last story ever written by "Ian Maclaren," the book which he had just finished before his untimely death last May. This fine story, "Graham of Claverhouse," will be begun in our columns to-morrow, Saturday. Readers will recall with pleasure many of the studies of Scottish rural life with which "Ian Maclaren" enriched English literature. "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," for instance, "The Days of Auld Lang Syne," "Kate Carnegie and those Ministers," "A Doctor of the Old School," and "Afterwards and Other Stories." In "Graham of Claverhouse" a higher note is struck. We are introduced to people great in their time and memorable in story—to William, Prince of Orange, to Claverhouse himself, and to Jean Cochrane, the granddaughter of the Earl of Dundonald of those days, and the wife of the hero. To many Scots even now Graham of Claverhouse is something like what Oliver Cromwell is to the Irish, and "Ian Maclaren" does not seek to tone down his excesses, his cruelties to the covenanters, his relentless opposal of the liberalising tendencies of the day. Not a sympathiser, he is a faithful and graphic historian, and he is careful to bring out the good points of the man who to many of us only redeemed a hurtful life by his glorious death in the moment of victory. It is sad to think that we shall have no more stories of this kind from John Watson, who was only in his 57th year when he died on his fatal lecturing tour in the United States.

BELLEVUE HILL TRAMWAY.

The construction of the tramline to Bellevue Hill is now fairly under way, and the contractors, Messrs. Barrie and Cowdery, are well satisfied with the progress made. Considerable time elapsed after the acceptance of the tender before a start could be made, in consequence of a large amount of demolition work preparatory to cutting and grading. This necessitated the demolition of over 20 buildings, over a half of which had to be pulled down in the vicinity of West-street and the site of the viaduct. The work of greatest magnitude is the viaduct, which will carry the rail over Barcom-avenue and Boundary-street to Liverpool-street. Material for filling in between the walls was obtained from selected metal. The viaduct is to be constructed of concrete and iron, with a view to securing great strength, the foundations being 17ft under the surface. The main walls start at a width of 4ft 6in, and continue with a batter to 2ft. At every 16ft the walls are tied with 80lb rails, bent round longitudinal rails. The viaduct is nearly 800ft in length. Considerable cutting down had to be effected to allow of the desired gradient in Burton and Forbes streets, excavations being practically completed as far as Liverpool-street. The thermit welding of rails has been finished from Victoria-street to Darlinghurst-road, and tarred metal has been laid. For a considerable portion of the tracks there exist a number of curves, the most awkward being those after the line enters Glenmore-road. Traversing, as it does, an undulating stretch of country, some sharp hills, have to be accounted for, but it is held by the contractors that vehicular traffic will be benefited to a great extent by the necessary reductions in the grade. The line is 2¼ miles in length, and it is estimated to take 50 weeks to construct. At present there are about 10 chains of rails laid.

EAST BALMAIN FORESHORES.

PROPOSAL FOR RESUMPTION.

A deputation representing the Balmain Council waited upon the Minister for Works yesterday to ask that the Government should resume the foreshores at East Balmain for the purpose of providing wharfage facilities, and also an area of land giving access thereto.

Mr. J. Storey, M.L.A., who introduced the deputation, and was accompanied by Mr. Mercer, M.L.A., said the property was so valuable and such an ideal spot for the purposes in view, that it was better the Government should take the project up now, instead of some years ahead, when the price would have so increased that it would be a very serious and difficult matter for it or anyone else to undertake. He pointed out that the Darling Harbour yards were very congested, and nothing further could be done there to relieve the traffic, but if these resumptions were carried out, and connected with a line of railway from Homebush or some other point, it would do much to solve the problem, and at the same time improve their shipping facilities.

Mr. S. J. Law said a deputation, with a similar request, had received a sympathetic answer. It was then stated that the officers of the department had in their minds the construction of a railway line along the southern shore of Balmain to Pacey's Point. He submitted plans of the foreshores and the approaches, and said that if the Government resumed the land he was certain it would obtain enough revenue to recoup it for the outlay.

The Minister for Works said that, while admitting it was desirable in the interests of the country that the water frontage should be resumed, he was emphatically opposed to taking over the whole area. It was impossible for him in this connection to detach from his mind their experience in connection with the Rocks resumption area. There was something, however, in the question of preserving the water frontage, and he would ask an engineer to work the matter out on the lines suggested by the deputation. He would save the question of railway connection between Snake Island and Darling Harbour also considered.

A page of the current issue of the "Sydney Mail" is devoted to the Women's Exhibition at Melbourne. There are illustrations of the exhibits sent in by the Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family.—Advt.

THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

BRITISH MISMANAGEMENT.

GERMANY IN THE MARSHALLS.

(BY "MELANESIA.")

III.

Then came the second outburst. On July 29 the Agent-General for New South Wales gave the "Times" a telling "resume" of the whole series of grievances. The "Times" in a leader urged Australia to carry out Mr. Reid's threat, and during the following week Mr. Carruthers, the Premier of New South Wales, announced that no orders would be placed with German firms while the trouble lasted. The effects were as immediate as in April. The German Ambassador in London assured Lord Lansdowne that the new regulations would be issued immediately, and would be quite satisfactory; and on the 19th August the text of the regulations was cabled to the Federal Prime Minister. Everything was, apparently, concluded. British firms could acquire a domicile either in the Marshalls or in the Carolines; if they preferred simply to trade by ship in the groups, the fee would be £100 per year, as in British groups. The Marshalls would be open to trade on October 1, the Carolines on the following March 1. Never was such a climb down.

But note this. The battle was fought all through by Australia. All the Colonial Office did, and nearly all the Foreign Office did, was to forward Australian protests soon after they were made, and then to go to sleep again. German action, both in April and in August, was directly due to declarations by Mr. Reid, Mr. Deakin, and Mr. Carruthers, which foreshadowed danger to German commerce. The German Government, in fine, was (as it always is), acutely sensitive about German trade; the British Government (or at least the departments, for Lord Lansdowne himself is believed to have taken the matter seriously), cared nothing about serious losses to British trade, or about a gross breach of treaty stipulations.

However, by October, 1905, everything was apparently conceded. And when we think of the £2700 and £3400 fees demanded in 1904, it seems almost petty to grumble at what has happened since. But not even now can Germany act candidly up to her professions. Every point that can be scored against us is scored. The Induna, the Ysabel's successor, sailed away to Jaluit, paid her £100, and proceeded to trade gaily—for six months. Then the German authorities demanded another £100, on the ground that their year began in April. Now a British £100 fee covers 12 months from the date of payment, and can be transferred during its currency from one ship to another belonging to the same firm if the first ship is withdrawn from the trade. Also, for £50 you can get a six months' trading license. Germany has no idea of letting our traders off so easily. There is no six months' fee, and one fee covers one ship only—if you withdraw it at any time its successor has to pay a full year's fee for the months, few or many, up to the next April. So the custom of the two Powers works out thus:—

Fees paid by a German firm trading in the (British) Gilberts with not more than one vessel at a time, from October 5, 1905, to October 4, 1907, £200.

Fees paid by a British ship trading in the Marshalls with not more than one vessel at a time, between same dates:—

Induna, October, 1905, to April, 1906	£100
Induna, April to October, 1906	£100
Ysabel, October, 1906, to April, 1907	£100
Ysabel, April to August, 1907	£100
Titus, August to —, 1907	£100
	£500

One episode in this history is still unfinished. In January, 1905, as we have seen, Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Company, made a claim on the German Government of £10,000 damages. It seems not to have been immediately presented; and when the German Ambassador climbed down on August 9 he expressed the hope that the new regulations would "prove so satisfactory as to do away with the necessity of pressing any further claims." The authorities in London were only too glad to take the hint. From the first they had never really felt that affairs in the Pacific could be their affairs; they only took matters up because a distant colony worried them out of passivity. But Australians were not so obliging. It was good that the wrong should be rectified for the future, but that was no reason why compensation should be refused for the past. On August 15 a revised claim for £12,750—to include the loss owing to prohibition of trade between January and October—which had been prepared in accordance with the advice and authority of the British Crown Law Officers, was handed to the Colonial Office by the Agent-General for New South Wales, acting under instructions from the Federal Government. That claim is still unsettled.

In November, 1905, we were told that there had been no delay in presentation of the claim, and that Lord Lansdowne was keenly interested. But almost immediately Lord Lansdowne went out of office, and for a year after that nothing was done at all. Repeated messages from the Federal Government were met with the stereotyped answer, "Keep quiet, and we will get you redress." When, at last, early in 1907, the representatives of Australian commerce—who have always regarded the claim as a test whether Germany should be allowed to bully British traders at large—urged the Federal Government to renew its protests, the answer was given that Germany was inquiring into details, but the decision must be long delayed, because of the remoteness of the Marshall Islands. Seeing that the officials who had misbehaved at Jaluit in 1904 were all back in Germany, this was obviously a dilatory quibble. Further pressure elicited a German offer to pay something if it was accepted as an act of grace, not as a due: to which the obvious and generous answer was that if the German Government wished to "save face" by the new formula it was welcome to do so provided it paid the full amount. And there the matter stands.

Note, therefore, the situation. A claim for damages against a Great Power was made more than two and a half years ago. That Power admitted its previous wrongdoing by taking steps—under pressure from Australia, not from London—to remedy it for the future. The claim was revised by the best lawyers in England, re-revised by the Foreign Office of Great Britain, and presented in Berlin with the weight of the Federal and all the State Governments behind it, and the nominal support of the British Government. In spite of all it remains unsatisfied, and practically unconsidered.

What British department dares behave thus about a claim made by a London firm? And what a scandal it is that the Colonial Office and Foreign Office, which are Imperial departments dealing with the whole Empire's affairs, should be able and willing to neglect the claims of Australian Britons in a manner that would have wrecked them long ago if the claimants had been Londoners.

SILTING OF SHEA'S CREEK.

A MENACE TO HEALTH.

The Mayor of Alexandria (Mr. McCauley) and several aldermen of the borough waited upon the Minister for Works yesterday to ask him to have the head of Shea's Creek dredged. It was stated that there was a noxious deposit of silt at the head of the canal, which was proving very dangerous to health, and which, if allowed to remain, as at present, was likely, according to the report of an officer of the Board of Health, to cause an epidemic. It was pointed out that a promise had previously been given that steps would be taken to abate the nuisance, but nothing had been done. It was considered that it was work which should be undertaken by the Government, as the deposit was due to the ebb and flow of tidal waters.

The Minister said the promise which had been given would be kept. The difficulty in not doing the work before was that a dredge could not be spared for the purpose. The dredge Zeta was now being fitted out, and as soon as it was ready the work would be entered upon. He thought the council should also exercise its powers in preventing the flow of drainage and offensive matter from factories into the canal.

THE IRON INDUSTRY AND STATE ASSISTANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The question of commercially utilising our Australian iron deposits is one that has a far-reaching influence on the future destiny of the whole Australian Commonwealth, whether viewed from a commercial, industrial, or a defence standpoint.

Many suggestions have been put forward from time to time in the shape of bonuses on future iron products, or penalties on the users of iron, in the shape of duties, but to my mind these suggestions are worse than useless. The first thing to be done is to make iron and steel from native ores. In this task there are all the pioneering difficulties to be overcome; and it is in overcoming these difficulties that the State should render assistance. Neither present duties nor future bonuses meet the case in any way.

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Every rifleman, and all others interested in the rifle meeting, will want to possess a copy of this week's "Sydney Mail." It is a handsome souvenir of a great event in our military-sporting history. The pictures are exceptionally fine, and are, moreover, as complete a pictorial record of the meeting as it was possible to get. W. Cutler, the King's prizeman, naturally looms largely, and the double-page showing him being "chaired" is in itself worthy of being framed for a place on the walls of country homes. It is not the only historic picture. The various teams, portraits of winners, and a general view of the range make up a notable set.

OTHER FEATURES.

After the Rifle Meeting we have given especial attention to Yachting, Past and Present, a subject inspired by the opening on Saturday of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron's season. The history of the sport on Sydney Harbour is capitally treated by "For'ard Hand," and the illustrations include portraits of prominent yachtsmen and their boats. A page is devoted to the function at "Carabella." Our Guernsey budget from our travelling representative, "Moira," is continued. The letterpress and illustrations are both worthy the attention of breeders. "Adventures of an Old Warship," refers to the stranding of the Muerthe at Lord Howe Island; there are four interesting snapshots by a tourist. On the page dealing with the Women's Exhibition we show the contributions to the display by the Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family; also a rare piece of Elizabethan tapestry. There are portraits of twelve notable Melbourne women. "Labour's Day at Bathurst" provides a picture.

The "Sydney Mail" is represented in Melbourne by "Milroy," and his letter about the doings at Flemington and Caulfield will be found valuable. He writes with authority, and his contribution to the opinions on prospects for the Derby and Cup takes a foremost place. It is highly informative, and no racing man should miss it, while everyone will find it readable.

The Pastoral Columns are newsy and instructive. "Lana" has revisited the Inverell district, and his impressions are highly interesting. Other matters of topical interest are also dealt with on the same page.

In the Agricultural Section a correspondent graphically refers to the grasshopper plague in the West. The budget of general notes is bulky and informative, and there are the weekly letters from the adjoining States.

On the Australian Short Story Page:—"Varied and Mutable," by "L.," and several poems. On the Young Folks' Page:—"Hoppity's Exploits," No. 5, by Walter H. Bone.

There are Football Notes on the New Zealanders in England; Cricket News, by "Shortslip," relating to the England-Western Australia match; also Australian first-grade matches, a table showing Saturday's best performances with bat and ball in the various States; Bowls, Tennis, and Billiard Notes; Golf Gossip; Dramatic and Musical Notes; Poultry and Kennel News; Stock Exchange News; Rifle, Rowing, and Swimming Notes; Literary Gossip; and City, Country, Interstate, and Foreign News.

The series of interesting reminiscences by "Thormanby," the famous English writer, is continued. "The Rout of the Thimblemen" and "Precocity in the Saddle" are the subjects dealt with this week.

Under the heading "Reminiscences of a Pioneer in New South Wales" there begins in this week's "Sydney Mail" an absorbingly interesting recital of adventures in the State. Edmund Morey, of Maryborough, Queensland, is the author, and he has many true bush stories to tell concerning horses, cattle, dogs, and even snakes—of drought, fire, and flood—of dealings, both friendly and otherwise, with the blacks. Many reminiscences of bygone celebrities are included in this series of tales of real life in the Australian bush.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE "HERALD" COMPETITIONS.

IN THE TUMUT COUNTRY.

CHEESE FACTORY AT GILMORE.

Rosebank is situated in the Gilmore Valley, the creek running through the centre of the property, which is held on a long lease by Mr. N. L. Isaacs. Of an area of 3000 acres, it may be roughly divided into three parts, 1000 acres of rich flats, 1000 of good forest land, and 1000 acres of rough hill country. It has been thoroughly cleared, perhaps too thoroughly, as unlike most of the properties in the district there have not been many shade trees left in the paddocks. Mr. Isaacs, coming from the South Coast, with a strong faith in dairying, has established not only a large herd on this property, but has also erected a cheese factory which has proved a good paying proposition, particularly under present and recent conditions, cheese commanding such a high figure in the market. Last year 300 cows were milked at Rosebank, but at present about 200 head are being put through. Mr. Isaacs, adopting a system from the South Coast, has the herd divided into lots of 160 each, attended to by different families at different dairies, there being three dairies on the property. The whole of the milk goes to the cheese factory, and the dairymen are paid at per gallon. Milk from other suppliers is not accepted. The milking yards are neat structures kept under clean conditions, with boilers, canhouses, and iron troughs for winter feeding attached.

Mr. Isaacs went in for dairying on a large scale some four years ago, and claims to be one of the pioneers of the industry in the Tumut district. Four years ago dairying was a small factor in local progress, but last year there were some 90 suppliers to the local factories. Mr. Isaacs is a great believer in Jerseys, and does not hold with the general opinion that quality of milk is not as important in cheese as in butter making. He considers quality is as big an essential as quantity in cheese making, despite the prevalent opinion of a majority of experts, and argues that a 4.3 test means good cheese in comparison to a lower test. Consequently he aims at the higher standard. Regular tests are made in connection with the factory, and some good records are made by the herd. Registers show a yield of 33lb of milk. Also a test of 5.2 on 24lb of milk. When leaving the South Coast Mr. Isaacs brought with him six Jersey bulls, and 20 cows from Kameruka, and also selections from different local herds with which he was acquainted, about 150 cows in all. He has consequently built up a good lot, and if the Jerseys were put in a separate herd as is ultimately intended, Rosebank would show a fine even collection of well-bred dairy cattle. In the rest of the herd the Jersey strain predominates, and taken all through there is a fine type of milker. One advantage of the separate milking yards is that the cows go straight on to their pasture after milking and have as little driving or shifting as is possible with a large herd. A register is kept of all special stock. Mr. Isaacs does not go in for ensilage, but has about 100 acres of oats, and the same of maize. He does not generally find it necessary to go in for hand-feeding, but last winter used up 100 tons of chaff. Green maize is given to the milking cows in the summer. The calves and pigs are fed on whey alone. Mr. Isaacs's ideas of rearing pigs is not in touch with modern methods as far as the pig-paddock is concerned. It is rooted up and mucky enough to satisfy the most conservative mind. Cleanly conditions, however, have been found as essential to the health and wellbeing of the porkers as any other animals.

Mr. Isaacs has erected a splendid up-to-date cheese factory at Rosebank. It is situated on the edge of the forest land, with an admirable slope for drainage. The cheese room itself is built with 5in thick walls, with double lining, and filled with charcoal, the windows are fitted with double glass, and are airtight, the whole making a cool serviceable building, capable of storing about 50 tons of cheese. The cheese are generally kept about three months to mature, but at present are sent away as soon as they will permit, owing to the keen demand. About 20 20lb cheeses are made every day, the factory being worked the whole year round. The herd is giving a good average, over 400 gallons a day. About 17oz of green cheese are obtained from a gallon of milk, and the loss in maturing is about 5 per cent. At any time cheese is a good paying property, but under existing conditions it is an exceptionally prosperous enterprise, and one well worth the attention given to it at Rosebank, both in the management of the herd by Mr. Isaacs and the work at the factory, by the cheesemaker, Mr. Tanner.

ITEMS.

The best boon Australia could experience would be a boom in ensilage. There are signs that it is coming. Choice fodder crops are not absolutely necessary to fill the tubs and the stacks, for waste vegetation unpalatable to cattle in the natural state makes excellent ensilage. Mr. Gatenby finds that sheep prefer the silaged variegated thistle to lucerne, and, as this pest has a good mortgage over large areas, its stacking would serve the double purpose of fodder and reduce an evil. Partly by chance, it has been proved on Mr. Justice Hodges' farm in Victoria that the ordinary swamp reeds (Arundo phragmites) make an ensilage more succulent than even corn. Right along the coastal districts of Australia there are great areas of swampy country, carrying little else but these reeds, which are too coarse for stock to do more with than utilise the young tops. The reed ensilage made in Victoria gave under analysis 3.0 of protein and 18.6 of nitrogen free extract, as against corn, with 2.2 of protein and 15.1 of nitrogen free extract. The opportunity to make the test happened through the persistency of the reeds in occupying some of the drained marsh, and some were packed into a rough silo on spec. The cows ate it readily, and milked better than when fed on bran and chaff. The new fodder was fed at the rate of two-thirds to one-third of chaff, mixed together, and well steamed. The reeds can be kept growing in partially reclaimed land, by ploughing or cultivating after cutting.

The third International Dairy Congress held at the Hague (writes our London correspondent) under the auspices of the Government of the Netherlands has just concluded its sittings. Practically all countries of Europe and all British possessions were represented by the 450 delegates. Mr. Preedy represented the Agent-General of New South Wales. In the matter of adulteration of butter, the congress was prepared to go only part of the way proposed by the British, and supported by the Danish representatives, and a resolution was passed that butter importation should be prohibited in the case of countries having no efficient system of controlling the purity of the article. The majority of the British and Danish delegates wished to secure the adoption of a proposal for a Government mark of guarantee, but the congress would only agree to place on record the proposals as the views of those delegates, and no vote was taken upon them. The New South Wales representative took the opportunity of explaining the provisions of the Dairy Supervision Act and the Export Act of that State, and urged that these measures gave guarantee to the British consumer that none but pure and wholesome butter is exported. In the opinion of the delegates, the sanitary conditions of the dairy industry in Holland are far behind those of Great Britain and Australia.

Our Guyra correspondent writes:—During this month, so far, 289 points of rain have been registered in the Guyra district, and everything looks fresh and inviting, there being a splendid growth of grass everywhere, and the young crops look healthy, and have an encouraging growth. All kinds of stock are looking well, and the prospects of the district for the coming season are most promising. This portion of the Northern Tablelands has been particularly blessed with rain during the year, as 30.14 inches have been registered since January 1, which is well up to the district's average, viz., 36 inches for the year. The fine rains in the autumn (7.56 inches in March), followed by a not too severe winter, kept a good sole of grass for the stock, consequently they have kept in pretty fair condition, and the grazing country has maintained its feeding capabilities to a great extent. The district is being inundated by stockowners from the drought-stricken districts, who are endeavouring to get grass for their starving stock, and mobs of sheep are moving along the stock routes and reserves and feeding them down pretty bare.

The prospects of getting grazing areas in this district, he continues, are not so good as during the big drought, as most of the landowners are well stocked up, and are not inclined to jeopardise their own stock in face of the threatening drought. A large quantity of land has, however, been secured, and both large and small stock are pouring into Guyra by rail and road to take it up. Shearing will be in full swing here in a month's time, and a good clip is anticipated, as the flocks are all looking well. The rise in the price of potatoes has caused activity among our farmers, and those who hung on to their stocks are reaping the benefit, and a number who did not intend to dig their crops are getting them out of the ground and taking advantage of the rising market. The weather conditions during the past few weeks have been most favourable—warm, calm days, not too cold at night—quite an ideal New England spring. In the orchards there is a fair show of cherries and early stone fruit, and an average crop will be secured, providing the late frosts, hailstorms, etc., keep away. Summed up, the Guyra district has been particularly fortunate so far, and under ordinary climatic conditions the coming season's prospects are most favourable.

South Australia has passed a new regulation respecting fruit fly. All exporters of bananas to that State from any place where fruit fly is known to exist must cover the growing bunches with netting for three months prior to the bunches being despatched to South Australia. With a view to enabling growers in Queensland and elsewhere to prepare for this contingency, the present system of admitting bananas purely on examination will be continued until the end of the year. With regard to nearly all other fruits the exporting State will be given the option of producing a declaration signed by the grower, and countersigned by an inspector of fruit, to the effect that these fruits have been kept for seven days after being harvested, before they are packed for export to South Australia. The meaning of this regulation is that the larvae may be so well developed that its presence may be quickly detected at Port Adelaide. If fruit fly is found in any fruit, the orchard from which it came will be black-listed until a certificate is given by an inspector that it is free from the fly. Some of these regulations are a copy of those from Victoria.

Mr. Sawer, the tobacco expert of the colony of Natal, recently gave an address on the growing of tobacco in South Africa, which contained hints that may be useful to Australian growers. Some of the faults which he found in Natal-grown tobacco are also attributable to that produced in New South Wales, and his hints for their elimination may have a bearing here as well as there. He said the Government had purchased the best kinds of seed, manures, etc., for planters, and these could be obtained at cost price. The rising generation clearly preferred cigarettes and light pipe tobaccos. But though good seed might be half the battle, still curing, soil, and suitable manures were also important points. It was found that light granite soils gave the best cigarette leaf when suitably manured. The rankness and coarseness so often associated with South African tobacco were due to using kraal manure. If that manure had to be employed, it should be old and well rotted; but it was much better to employ selected fertilisers.

Going more into particulars, Mr. Sawers said wood ash was a good manure; lime was needed to give a white coherent ash, while potash made the leaf burn well and evenly. Tobacco suffered very little from drought, but, on the other hand, it would not do so well on badly-drained soil. An explanation was given of the advantages of fire curing tobacco, as compared with the old method, and it was said that after drying for about six days the leaf was steamed and boiled, and left to slowly "sweat" for about six months, when it was ready for manufacture. Ordinary South African leaf was often spoiled in rolling, owing to the use of cold water instead of steam. In Rhodesia central warehouses had been erected, and the produce was handled in them for the grower. The bad leaf was eliminated and used for "dips," whilst the rest was sorted, graded, and baled. Then it was inspected by buyers from even London and America, and bought. Buyers would not go round outlying districts, so that these central warehouses fulfilled a most important function in the industry at the cost of another ½d per lb for handling.

FIGHTING THE LOCUST.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN PLAN.

AN ARSENIC SPRAY.

The information already published in the "Herald" relating to what is being done in South Africa to fight the locust plague was in its way valuable, but, unfortunately, there was little in it that could be laid hold of to give our own people a chance to begin the war at once. It, however, caught the eye of Mr. J. A. M'Clellan, a senior locust officer in the Colony of Natal, who is now in Sydney, and in an interview he supplemented the information, and gave some hints which may be of use to anyone who proposes making war upon the enemy.

I see, said Mr. M'Clellan, you in Australia have some vague ideas as to how we fight the locusts in Natal, and as I was engaged in it for some years I can give you an idea of the means we employ. We poison them with arsenic. I dare say that last season I used about a ton and a half of arsenic, so that I know something about the way in which it is prepared and how it is applied. I have never had any fatal cases with either human beings or with cattle, except once, and that was when a cask of arsenic was being rolled along at a station, some of the arsenic came out during the rolling. Some natives taking it for sugar, picked it up, and ate it.

Cattle do not eat the grass after it is sprayed, for the simple reason that if the arsenic spray is placed on it, say at night, the grass dries up and dies by morning. It, of course, comes up again from the roots, after the first rain. In Natal the female locust is larger than the male, and each one produces from 80 to 120 eggs. They are laid in the ground. Our plan is to catch the hoppers after they have hatched, and before they begin to fly. We do not spray the mixture upon them, but around them. After the eggs are laid, they take about three weeks to hatch out, and as soon as the young hoppers appear we begin the work of destruction upon them. The young locust moults about seven times before it becomes a winged insect, and during the moulting stage it seeks some warm spot. It is not of much use spraying just then, because the insect does not care to eat, but as soon as the moulting is over it is as voracious as ever. The young hoppers are also very voracious until they begin moulting.

What implements do you use in Natal for spraying?—We use the common garden spray, and the formula for the spraying mixture is:—1lb arsenic, ½lb ordinary washing soda boil these together until they dissolve, then add 4lb of common treacle sugar or half a gallon of treacle. After that add 16 gallons of water to the mixture. This strength will kill any locust, even the fully-developed ones. For younger insects it need not be quite as strong. This is sprayed on the grass around them, and they come down and are attracted by the sweetness of the treacle or the sugar. They eat it and are poisoned. The only deaths I have known from the poison spray are those of swallows, which eat the dead grasshoppers.

I have had experience of the fungus method of destroying them, but it is useless. It is only effective in wet seasons, and then the hoppers are not prevalent. The kind that invades South Africa comes from Arabia, and from the interior. Does the Australian variety invade the canefields?

No. So far as we know, it does not affect the coast country in New South Wales. It is [illegible] in our pastoral and wheat districts.

Then, said Mr. M'Clellan, you are lucky here. In Natal, if the locusts settle in a canefield they do a lot of damage before they leave it. They will stop in it, and will turn aside from their course to reach it. By the way, we have found out that arsenite of soda is quite as good as arsenic itself, and less troublesome to make. It can be prepared by soaking in hot water, and will dissolve there.

Some particulars were also given by Mr. M'Clellan of the main provisions of the Natal Locust Act. Every landholder is bound on receiving notice from the locust officer to destroy the insects. Any person, no matter whom, if he has locusts on his land is bound to give notice to the nearest magistrate, the police, or the locust officer for his district. If he does not he is liable to a fine of £20, or in default three months in gaol. The landholder is bound to destroy the insects, according to the instructions of the locust officer. Anybody driving locusts from his holding to that of a neighbour is liable to a fine of £50, or six months. The driving, according to Mr. M'Clellan, can be accomplished by frightening the insects by waving sacks or other articles of a like nature. If the landholder does not feel inclined to undertake the work of destruction himself he can arrange with the locust officer to do it for him. The charge is 25s per day.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

NEXT EASTER SHOW.

At the monthly meeting of the council of the Royal Agricultural Society on Wednesday, Sir Francis Suttor in the chair, reports were received from several sectional committees embracing alterations in the schedule for the 1908 show. Principal among these was the report of the horse committee, the recommendations adopted comprising the addition of two classes in thoroughbreds for filly and colt, 1yr and under 2yrs, also galloway in saddle and sulky turnout, horse, harness, and sulky. Another new class was for the best lady rider on the flat, and another for trotters or pacers in saddle and harness under 3yrs old. Substantial additions are made to the prize money in the jumping events. The first prize in the Palace will be £30, as against £20, and in the David Jones the first prize will be £30, as against £20, and in the high jump the first prize will be £30 as against £20, and the second prize £15 instead of £10.

In the cattle section two new classes were added in fat stock, one each for Durham steer and Hereford steer under 40 months. Two additional classes were added for Guernseys, one being bull under 3yrs, and the other heifer under 3yrs. Dexter-Kerries were introduced in the schedule, classes for bull any age and cow any age being inserted. It was resolved to continue the principle of single judging in the cattle section.

A number of alterations were made in the poultry section, including the shortening of the time during which the birds must be shown by one day. Judging will begin on Thursday instead of on Wednesday as before. A few additional classes were added.

The dog committee had also resolved that the time during which the dogs should be exhibited should be shortened by one day. Dogs will be judged on Thursday, and will leave the ground on the following Tuesday. Some additional classes were made for Sydney silky terriers.

The secretary reported that works were being proceeded with on the showground, a large addition to the dog pavilion being well on towards completion, and part of the structure of the new cattle pavilion having been erected.

Tenders were opened for the new stallion pavilion, for which eight tenders were received. That of H. T. Seymour for £2489, being the lowest, was accepted.

It was resolved, on a recommendation of the works committee, to have constructed a temporary rotunda for the shelter of buyers during sales of stud stock, and the engineer was instructed to call tenders for same.

The committee of the Sheepbreeders' Association of New South Wales applied for the use of the showground on June 24, 25, 26, and 27 for the purpose of holding their annual show, and this was granted by the council.

Communications were received from the Jersey Herd Society offering gold medals for champion Jersey bull and cow, which were accepted with thanks. This society also suggested that cows entered to be shown in milk should be milked out on the showground at 5 o'clock on the day previous to the opening of the show. The council resolved that this suggestion should be adopted in all dairy classes.

WEATHER PROPHETS IN NATURE.

Mr. James S. Bray, in an interesting communication on the probabilities of the weather, says:—"There is nothing in nature in the insect world and bird life, especially so in regard to the almost entire absence of our blood-birds, sure forerunners of a drought-time, to indicate drought. There is a normal condition of our fresh-water lobsters in all watercourses in the bush; ant-life especially is in a quiescent state; in point of fact, if evidences in nature are reliable, I see nothing around me in the bush to warrant any other conclusion than that the present normal state of things gives every hope that there will be a change ere long from drought to rain in plenty. Spider life also is another evidence, and the many forms of hidden insect life that but await a rainstorm to bring them into life are at the present time in a healthy, vigorous state."

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Replying to a question by Mr. Price in the Legislative Assembly last night, the Minister for Lands said reports by special forestry boards on forest reserves in the Gloucester and Manning districts had been received, and an area of 116,761 acres was recommended for settlement. An area of 25,672 acres had been made available for original, and 960 acres for additional, holdings. Instructions had been issued to the district surveyor for report as to the tenure under which 8396 acres should be disposed of. Action in regard to 16,296 acres was suspended, pending receipt of report of the Royal Commission on Forestry. The report on 12,100 acres was now being dealt with.

RESUMPTION OF IMPROVEMENT LEASES.

Speaking in reply to questions concerning the conditions attaching to improvement leases asked by Mr. Treflo, the Minister said that in addition to the usual provision for right of withdrawal for settlement after ten years, where the lease includes reserves, provision was also made for right of withdrawal for settlement of the whole or any part of the reserves leased at any time, in the event of such reserves becoming, in the opinion of the Minister for Lands, useless for the purposes of their notification. When the question of offering lands for improvement lease was being considered, schedules were prepared showing the nature and estimated cost of the improvements deemed necessary to render the land fit for settlement, and the carrying out of such improvements was periodically inspected and reported upon by local officers. In the case of an application by a lessee to effect improvements other than those required by the conditions of the lease, the lessee was required to give the estimated cost of the improvement desired to be effected, and such application formed the subject of special inquiry before permission was given.

LAND BOARDS.

DUNGOG.—The local land board sat at Dungog on Wednesday, and dealt with a large number of cases, including the allotment of three blocks of land, in additional holdings, comprising old reserves near Brookfield. There was a large number of applicants, proving the great demand for land in the district. The majority were thrown out owing to the applicants not having proper qualifications. The board eventually allotted 50 acres to J. L. Tunstead, 150 to John Paff, and 340 to George Shafer.

RIVERINA MEAT COMPANY.

MELBOURNE.—At a formal statutory meeting of the Riverina Frozen Meat Company, the chairman, Mr. Albert Austin, said that the absence of suitable stock for freezing in Riverina this season owing to want of rain made it impossible for the company to turn the works to profitable advantage in this direction. As numerous inquiries had been made from owners of stock, it was decided to open a boiling-down works. Operations were commenced on October 22, and 2000 head were being treated daily. As sufficient stock had been booked to keep the works open until the middle of December, it was estimated that a fair margin of profit would be made.

THE CANCELLED LEASES.

PEAK HILL.—At a meeting of the Tomingley branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, a letter was read from the general secretary urging that immediate steps be taken towards having the cancelled improvements leases in the district made available for settlement, and to also decide as to what purpose the land should be made available. In regard to the Narromine leases it was decided to recommend that the land be made available in areas such as advocated by the delegates at the recent Dubbo sitting of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board, and that 10,000 acres be set aside for additional areas, the latter to comprise that portion situated nearest the town of Narromine. Regarding the Mungery leases the meeting decided to recommend that not more than 7000 acres be set apart as additional areas, and the balance as original selections. It was decided also that the Bulgandramine leases should be thrown open as original leases, with the exception of 4000 acres to be set aside as additional areas. A letter was read from the general secretary, stating that Mr. R. Carter's lease had not yet been brought under the notice of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board.

THE CROPS.

COOLAMON.—The crops are not by any means a complete failure. It is remarkable the way in which they are thriving, mainly due, no doubt, to good farming and manures; also to the cold nights experienced of late. It speaks well for the quality of the soil in holding out so long. Samples have been brought in of stools 3ft 6in to 4ft high; but the average is much below this. Farmers are in hopes of timely rain, and a moderate to fair crop.

PARKES.—In some cases farmers are despairing of the prospects of a crop that would be worth harvesting, and have turned their stock into the paddocks.

PEAK HILL.—Owing to the droughty conditions, it is feared that the wheat crops will be a failure this year. Many wheat crops are only a foot high, are coming out into ear, and then withering off or being eaten down by grasshoppers. The majority of the farmers are cutting what they can for hay. The outlook for stockowners is very serious. There is very little feed in the district, most of the surplus hay and chaff being used up during the dry spell a few months back. Aged ewes are changing hands at half a crown per head.

WELLINGTON.—The crops seem to be slowly but surely drying up, although some localities round Wellington, which were favoured by rain, will give a fair wheat crop, and in other cases plenty of hay. It is now certain that at the best less than half a crop can be expected, and that only on the condition that more rain falls almost immediately. The weather has been squally since Saturday, but the rain has been very scattered. There are instances of some spots obtaining half an inch of rain, while farms a few miles away have only had a point or two.

Mr. Dulhunty, stock inspector, has returned from a visit of inspection through Cobbora, Spicer's Creek, Mitchell's Creek, Bodangora, Wellington, and Obley. He reports that everywhere the grass is dried up, and the water failing, and that, with the exception of a strip of country between Maryvale and Geurie, he does not expect that there will be a crop fit for hay. In this strip, however, there will be some fine hay cut. In the other districts the people have turned their stock into the paddocks. Grasshoppers were bad, but rabbits not so numerous as usual.

SHEARING.

BROKEN HILL.—Shearing has finished in this district. Results have been good; and pastoralists are very pleased at prices received for wool at Adelaide and Melbourne sales.

WELLINGTON.—Some good shearing tallies were made at Nanima by the Cashel brothers. D. Cashell topped the score with 210. J. Cashel was next with 203, and G. H. Cashel 168. The first-named figure was a record for Nanima.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

ALBURY.—The pastures protection board has received an intimation that the department has arranged for the supply of 750 miles of wire netting, 42in gauge, and 250 miles 36in. Landholders desiring to obtain any of this netting are recommended to make application without delay.

ALSTONVILLE.—Mr. Dixon Cooke imported a young Guernsey bull, which only arrived on his stud farm here 11 days ago. It died to-day after a few days' sickness.

BOMBALA.—There will be no wheat in the district, and very little hay. Chaff is selling in town from £12 to £14 per ton, all coming from Sydney. The lambing is the poorest for years. One station had 80 per cent., but most of them 50 down to 20 per cent. Shearing has started, but the clip will be very light, owing to the very dry weather, the rainfall for ten months of the year being about twelve inches short of the average.

COROWA.—The weather conditions here are having a very depressing effect on the outlook. Serious sharp frosty nights have been experienced lately, with drying winds. Water is giving out. Most of the dams are almost or quite empty. A number of farmers are sinking for water. Large quantities of stock are passing east to the mountains. The stock reserves are bare of herbage. During the past season experiments were made with stock ensilage at Collendina, and the result is considered so successful that now the grass river flats and self-sown crops are being mowed for that purpose. A number of farmers are seriously considering following the example. The prospect of the grain return from wheat is so small that a considerable demand has been made for mowers with the view of cutting crops for hay. The oat crop is hopeless, stock being turned into the areas sown. A thunderstorm gave an inch across a belt of country a mile wide through Hopefield and Balldale, but the high northerly wind on Wednesday was burning up everything. Good isolated crops are heard of, principally at Boomerang, on sandy soil.

KEMPSEY.—The local stock board recently offered a bonus of 4d for padamelon scalps, with the result that during the last month they had to pay for no less than 3502 scalps.

LIVERPOOL.—There is almost an entire absence of grass and herbage, and, in some cases, cattle have been turned into the fodder crops, the stunted condition of which prevents their being mowed.

PARKES.—A local farmer has accepted £4 a ton for his hay in the stock. A few favoured crops are cutting up to 25 and 30 cwt to the acre.

PEAK HILL.—Farmers are engaged haymaking. Wheat is quoted at 5s per bushel. The price for flour locally is £13 per ton. Bread has increased in price.

We have been requested to state that "The Plains" property alluded to in those columns yesterday is the property of Mr. Rowland Mansfield Shelley, [illegible] of Mosman.

EGG-LAYING COMPETITION.

BEROWRA.

The seventh month of the "Sydney Morning Herald" and "Sydney Mail" egg-laying competition, conducted at the farm of Messrs. Stewart Brothers, Berowra, terminated last evening. The total number of eggs produced for this period was 37,130, being an average of 618.83 for each pen in the competition. The monthly prize was won by D. A. Sturrock, whose six Black Orpingtons laid 156 eggs, second place being secured by Padman's Leghorns with 154, third place being also filled by Leghorns, which laid 152, owned by Mrs. M. Wilkins. The laying from the commencement of the test has been as follows:—April, 1569; May, [illegible]; June, 4317; July, 5762; August, 7234; September, 7634; October, 7496. Messrs. Stewart Brothers report that the terribly dry conditions are telling on the birds, through lack of green food; a substitute is, however, supplied in the form of lucerne, which is given in liberal quantities in the morning mash. Despite the unfavourable climatic conditions there have been no deaths nor sickness during the month, the slightly-reduced egg supply being due to broodiness.

Appended is the laying for the month, and the totals from the commencement of the test:—

	October.	Total for 7 months.
A. H. Padman, W. Leghorns	154	838
G. Wright, Blk. Orpingtons	125	810
H. A. Jones, Blk. Orpingtons	120	757
A. D. Craig, W. Leghorns	145	743
S. P. Dart, W. Leghorn	136	730
Bright and Thompson, W. Leghorns	137	723
Mrs. Mackie, W. Leghorns	143	713
E. R. Reynold, Blk. Orpingtons	134	707
William White, Blk. Orpingtons	105	707
Fletcher and Hoskyns, W. Leghorns	129	706
Gough and Powell, W. Leghorns	129	706
Kent Poultry Farm, W. Leghorns	142	702
J. Gamble, Blk. Orpingtons	117	701
Munro Bros., W. Leghorns	132	698
J. O. Hutchinson, Blk. Orpingtons	108	696
Arthur Creaser, Blk. Orpingtons	105	688
N. B. Ralston, S. Wyandottes	101	680
Robert Farror, W. Leghorns	149	683
Samuel Ellis, W. Leghorns	138	677
W. F. Doyle, W. Leghorns	147	676
A. H. Kennedy, Blk. Orpingtons	127	670
G. W. Pitman, Blk. Orpingtons	127	658
W. Haydon, W. Leghorns	145	655
George Glass, Blk. Orpingtons	102	655
J. Sweeney, W. Wyandottes	123	652
C. J. Green, Buff Orpingtons	115	651
Albert Warnes, W. Leghorns	123	649
Leslie H. Coates, Blk. Orpingtons	104	647
Frank Moore, W. Leghorns	132	643
D. A. Sturrock, Blk. Orpingtons	156	643
Mrs. M. Wilkins, W. Leghorns	152	636
A. B. Skinner, Blk. Orpingtons	126	631
F. Schrader, Blk. Orpingtons	129	623
J. S. Oag, W. Leghorns	137	612
John Craig, Blk. Orpingtons	132	605
C. M. Doyle, S. Wyandottes	115	603
Cowan Bros., W. Leghorns	131	600
Wonga Poultry Farm, Blk. Orpingtons	135	603
R. Poole, S. Wyandottes	112	608
Arthur Yeldon, Blk. Orpingtons	88	576
W. O. Gerard, W. Leghorns	133	578
Mrs. J. B. M'Mahon, W. Leghorns	141	570
S. E. Bailey, W. Leghorns	137	567
J. A. Salter, W. Leghorns	130	565
A. F. Emmott, W. Leghorns	138	543
W. F. Hunt, W. Leghorns	110	540
Fred. S. Stone, S. Wyandottes	91	537
L. K. Pettit, W. Leghorns	139	532
R. W. Stone, S. Wyandottes	101	531
T. T. Casey, W. Wyandottes	91	524
A. J. Wood, Minorcas	123	522
J. Sweeney, S. Wyandottes	110	512
Jones and Read, Blk. Orpingtons	94	511
D. Wheeler, W. Leghorns	127	511
G. Howell, Partridge Wyandottes	107	507
Mrs. W. Hinder, Blk. Orpingtons	137	489
F. Greenwell, Pile Game	128	468
R. Langford, W. Leghorns	127	450
L. L. Ramsay, W. Wyandottes	100	344
R. O'Connell, [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

PEEL RIVER RESUMPTION.

INQUIRY AT TAMWORTH.

QUESTION OF VALUATION.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The Peel River resumption inquiry was commenced in the court house this morning, before the Closer Settlement Board, consisting of the Land Appeal Court and local land board, the latter comprising Messrs. A. Park, M. G. Cunningham, and M. Newman. Mr. J. L. Campbell and Mr. H. Pike, instructed by Mr. A. A. Clunes, for the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Under-Secretary for Lands; Mr. A. Gould, Mr. A. Knox, and Mr. Alex. Thomson, for the company, instructed by Mr. H. C. Mosely, Sydney, Mr. W. P. Tribe, of Tamworth, and Mr. P. P. Abbott, of Glen Innes. It was agreed that shorthand writers should take official evidence.

Mr. Campbell, in putting in a plan of the estate, said he had blocked out on the map expressions of opinion. Any statement that now remained would be simply a statement of fact. The Secretary for Lands, continued Mr. Campbell, was present, not to fight for any particular value to be placed on the land, but to assist the board in arriving at a right conclusion to that. The Secretary had secured the services of a number of qualified gentlemen, who made careful inspections and analysis. They had been invited to consider the question of value in two aspects, the first being the holding as at present occupied and worked. It could be said as a pastoral property, the value was so much; then it might be taken for granted that, although worked as a pastoral property, the land had a potential value. It is proposed to offer the board the valuations taken in both these aspects. In regard to the leased land, it would be submitted to the board that the company's interest was limited to capitalised value of 5 per cent. This was the maximum of their interest, and it was claimed that the company could not get more than this optional purchase value, which had been placed on the leased land at the commencement of the lease. The company had no beneficial interests in this respect, concluded Mr. Campbell, it would not be right for the company to get enhanced value by reason of improvements made by the State.

Evidence was then proceeded with.

W. N. Sendall, surveyor, Tamworth office, deposed that he had charge of the survey of the estate, with six surveyors employed under him. He had prepared a plan, showing generally the result of the surveys. He was engaged two months in the work of inspecting, surveying, and valuing. The witness described the features of the land. There were alluvial patches on the whole estate, which embraced some acres. They occurred on the river creeks and were valuable, useful in occupation any way. Dealing with the whole estate, he would describe it as good grazing property. The northern area was good fattening land. The average rainfall at Tamworth was about 27in, and at the Nundle end about 30in. The estate was divided by a range with a range into the Peel River. The frontage of the estate to the river was 31½ miles in a straight line, and following the river up the general direction was 47 miles. The frontage of the leased portions of the estate was about 6½ miles in a direct line, about 11 miles following the river bends, exclusive of the Peel River, there were Tinbri, Tangaratta, Reedy, and Sandy Creeks. Artificial supplies of water consisted of dry tanks, and dams. The roads through the estate were Tamworth to Gunnedah, branching to Winton, road along the eastern side of the railway line to Currabubula; the Great Northern road, from West Tamworth to Quirindi; Duri-road, near the head station, running westerly to Duri platform; a road from Gunnedah to Nundle, which ran through the northern portion; road from Nundle to Quirindi road from Nundle to Crawney; road west through the estate from Nundle to Dungowan, Alley Point. Witness gave the following valuations:—Paddocks in the estate:—Bloomgore, consisting partly of grazing, with reed river flats, and red soil, for growing wheat; area, 4228 acres, 3400 acres of wheat land, about 210 acres of plain black soil, 606 acres of rich flat, 530 acres of stony grazing land, valued at 90s per acre taking it all through. Lower Bullock, of 3517 acres, 236 acres rich flat, 879 acres plain and black soil, grazing country, 2052 acres wheat land. He considered this paddock had a special value, being close to the town, and valued it at £97 17s, with 3s improvements.

To the board: The valuations were on a subdivisional basis.

Witness, continuing, said that the next paddock was the Bullock Creek, 627 acres, running up to the municipal boundary, 266 acres rich flat, 600 acres black soil grazing, 1261 acres wheat land, valued at 80s per acre, the value including improvements to value of 4s 3d per acre. Blackfellow, 10649 acres, 426 acres of rich grazing black soil plain, 639 acres wheat land, valued at 60s per acre, without improvements of 6s per acre. East Main Camp, of 3469 acres, 2735 grazing, 2734 first-class wheat land, valued at 71s 6d per acre; improvements 1s per acre. West Main Camp, of 5276 acres, three-fourths wheat land and one-fourth grazing, valued at 78s 3d; improvements, 3s 6d. Not Play Hole, of 4620 acres, three-fourths being wheat and one-fourth grazing, valued at 76s 9d; improvements, 4s. It was grazing land, one-fourth being along the creek bank. South Play Hole, of 4526 acres, wheat land, three-fourths first-class and one-fourth second-class, valued at 78s; improvements, 2s 6d. Duri, of 6350 acres, with the exception of 1500 acres on the southeast end undulating country, 1500 acres grazing and 480 acres wheat, valued at 64s; improvements, 2s 9d. Currabubula, of 5451 acres, first-class wheat land, valued at 83s 6d; improvements, 2s 9d. Lower Timbumbri, of 5 [illegible] acres, 4539 acres wheat land and 968 acres grazing, valued at 76s 6d; improvements, 1s. Portions 5 and 6 of 7863 acres, 675 acres agricultural, 112 acres grazing, valued at [illegible]; improvements, 4s 3d. West Timbumbri, 1865 acres, 932 acres wheat and 933 acres grazing, valued at 72s; improvements, [illegible]. East Timbumbri, of 1705 acres, 505 acres agricultural, and 170 acres grazing, valued at 80s 9d; improvements, 3s 6d. Road Paddock, of 4306 acres agricultural, half grazing, valued at 47s; improvements, 2s. Basket Yard, 1097 acres, agricultural, 183 acres alluvial, 915 acres flat, valued at 84s 6d; improvements, 2s 6d.

The Court adjourned till to-morrow.

PROBLEMS OF ARTESIAN WATER.

LECTURE AT THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

Mr. E. F. Pittman, secretary to the Mines Department, lectured before the Royal Society last night on "Problems of the Artesian Water Supply of Australia," and it replied to Professor Gregory in several statements made in his work, "The Dead Heart of Australia."

Mr. Pittman argued at length that the hypotheses of Professor Gregory that the artesian waters of Australia were plutonic and not of meteoric origin, was untenable. Several arguments were adduced to show that the waters found in the Australian artesian basin could not be plutonic (due to the action of geysers on the internal heat of the earth), but must be meteoric (derived from rainfall). If the origin of the artesian waters were plutonic, the tendency would be to force the waters to the surface at places where the beds of porous rock outcropped, and this had not happened.

It might be, he said, in examining various reasons, confidently affirmed that the great Australian basin is a true artesian one, that the water in it had been derived from rainfall, and that the chief cause of its ascent in bores was hydraulic pressure.

WATER STRUCK AT UMBERUMBERKA WEIR.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

A flow of water struck in sinking a trial foundation shaft on the site of Umberumberka weir is said officially to be only strong soakage, though the possibility of an artesian supply being met with at a greater depth is admitted. The pump sent to the weir site is coping with the water and the sinking of the trial shaft has been resumed.

RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVE CONTRACTS.

The Treasurer was questioned in the Legislative Assembly last evening concerning the 125 engines ordered by the Railway Commissioners. Mr. Waddell replied:—The 125 engines are 10 "P" class to be constructed in Eveleigh Works, and contracted for as follows:—Thirty "P" class by the Clyde Engineering Company, at 13s 11d per ton. Two engines have been delivered at £5205 2s 4d each. Final delivery April 21, 1913. Thirty "T" class engines by the Clyde Engineering Company, at £71 11d per ton. Four engines have been delivered at £5592 5s 6d each. Final delivery, April 21, 1913. Fifteen "P" class engines by Beyer, Peacock, and Co., at £4610 each, exclusive of duty, delivered in steam, Sydney, after executing 2000 miles. Shipment commences January 17 next, and finishes on February 26 following. Thirty "T" class engines by Beyer, Peacock, and Co., at £4975 each, exclusive of duty, delivered in steam, Sydney, after executing 2000 miles. Shipment commences 26th March next, and finishes on June 26 following. Ten "S" class engines, by Beyer, Peacock, and Co., at £3864 each, exclusive of duty, delivered in steam, Sydney, after executing 2000 miles. Shipment commences February 27, and finishes March 27 following.

The Poultry and Kennel Notes in the "Sydney Mail" each week are always well worth careful scrutiny.

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THE DUBBO CASE.

REUBEN WARD'S CONVICTION.

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

SOME STARTLING EVIDENCE.

An inquiry was opened by Mr. W. M. Macfarlane, S.M., at the Water Summons Court, yesterday, under section 475 of the Crimes Act of 1900, into the case of Reuben Ward, who recently was convicted and sentenced to death for a capital offence at Dubbo, but which sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life.

Mr. Mant, of the Crown Law Office, appeared for the Crown, and Mr. J. C. Gannon (instructed by Mr. Wilkinson), for Ward, who was present in custody.

Recently a petition was presented to the Government on the prisoner's behalf asking that a commission might be appointed, and the case reopened for the hearing of further evidence on behalf of the prisoner. As a result, Mr. Macfarlane was deputed to hold the inquiry, with a view to bringing out fresh facts and matters as might make an alteration in the sentence possible.

The story of the crime is fresh in the mind of the public. Cecilia Smith was employed at an hotel at Nyngan, and was acquainted with Ward. On the night of June 16 she alleged that Ward had been guilty of a capital offence in a railway carriage stationary on the line. The jury before whom the case was heard believed her story, and accused was committed.

Dr. H. S. Lloyd, practising at Hunter's Hill, said that he had known Cecilia Smith for about 10 years. About seven years ago he heard that a lady was very ill—unconscious—at the wharf at Hunter's Hill. She was brought to witness on a steamer plank. When in the waiting-room of witness's house she recovered sufficiently to walk about. She was suffering from hysteria, and ultimately she was carried way by some young men. She suffered from hysteria in a major form, which was comparatively rare.

To Mr. Mant: From the opinion he had formed she might confuse the truth with untruthfulness quite innocently. There was some mental deficiency in the girl.

To Mr. Gannon: It frequently happened that women who suffered from hysteria would on recovery imagine they had been forcibly assaulted.

Harriett Annie Bingham Thomas, residing at Hunter's Hill, said she knew Miss Cecilia Smith, and she for some time was in witness's employ. She seemed very peculiar in her habits at times, and would not speak. She was not truthful, and witness could not rely on anything she said.

Mrs. H. W. Carey, residing at Neutral Bay, stated that she knew Cecilia Smith, who at one time was in her employ—about two years ago—for about six months. She was a very good and respectable girl, but suffered from fainting fits. Witness found her truthful, and the reason she discharged her was on account of the fainting fits.

Harriet Edith Branch, wife of John E. Branch, residing at Alexander-street, Hunter's Hill, stated that Cecilia Smith was in witness's employ from August, 1905, to June 21, 1906, and she found her to be of pleasant disposition, and a good willing worker. The girl told witness some remarkable tales. On one occasion she had seen a man on fire walking down the street in front of her, and that he had drawn her into the Avenue.

Wm. Charles Krust, a butcher, residing at Gladesville, had known Cecilia Smith for 3 or 6 months, but had not seen her since 1906. He had walked out with her on various occasions, and once on the Figtree Bridge she took a fit, and fell. When she came to she said, "What have you done to me?" He said "I've only put water on you." She then said, "Y've harmed me," and witness denied it, and she left him apparently satisfied. Witness told her that he would have nothing more to do with her. A week or two after she saw him, and said something about committing suicide. On another occasion, at the Avenue grounds, she took another fit, and on recovery made another charge against him. He went out with her on another occasion, and she took another fit, but on recovery did not charge him with any offence. The girl told him that she had some "Rough-on-Rats," and threatened to take it. He tried to laugh her out of it, and he took the poison from her. On his rounds he used to try to avoid her, but she made efforts to meet him, once being on the Ryde-road. She used to say that witness had been fooling her, and that she intended to commit suicide. Witness did not consider her truthful, as she had spread false charges. He did not believe much that she told him.

To Mr. Mant: Witness said that he was courting the girl with a view to marriage last year. His acquaintance with the girl originated by his calling at the houses with meat. He never had a quarrel with her, but stayed away, as he was frightened of her—she being very jealous.

Thos. Cooke, of Gladesville Hospital, said that Cecilia Smith was in his employ from Christmas, 1903, for some three months. She did not appear to him to be sensible. She was very untruthful in every respect, and many of her statements were found to be false.

Edward Thos. Pearce, hospital attendant at Gladesville, said that Cecilia Smith was the sister of his wife. At intervals she had stayed at his house, but not during the last two and a half years. She stayed two or three days at a time. Her word was not to be relied upon in any way.

To Mr. Gannon: His wife had told him that Cecilia Smith had said to her that a brother-in-law of hers had tried to knock her down and assault her.

Lina Martin, residing at Gladesville, stated that Cecilia Smith was her sister. Six years ago her sister met with an accident. After that she appeared different, and childish.

The further hearing was adjourned until Saturday morning.

SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY.

THE WORONORA SCHEME.

DEPARTMENT REFUSES ITS SANCTION.

About a year ago the president of the Water and Sewerage Board (Mr. T. W. Keele) submitted a scheme for a substantial addition to the catchment area of the Sydney water supply at the head of the Woronora and George's rivers. The board approved of the scheme and on their recommendation the Government reserved the area from alienation. Correspondence has since taken place between the board and the Works Department with a view to the area being duly vested in the board, and at the meeting of the board on Wednesday the culminating point was reached by the receipt of a letter from the department, stating that it was not considered desirable to add the area to the Sydney catchment area, as water from that catchment was required in connection with certain Government water supply proposals.

The President said the Minister's decision was perfectly unaccountable to him, in view of the fact that a full explanation, with details of the proposals for utilising it, had been forwarded for his information, which should be sufficient to impress anyone who had a knowledge of the deficiencies of the present water supply system, and the absolute necessity of amending it in the near future, with the extreme value of such an acquisition. He had no hesitation in saying that the Minister was being badly advised in this matter, and that his rejection of this great proposal was another instance of the incapacity of the department to deal with the water supply of the metropolis, and to keep pace with the requirements of the board which had to administer it. He could only repeat what he had so often stated, that the water supply to Sydney must be recognised as paramount above every other consideration whatsoever.

It was astonishing that the area in question, lying as it does practically at the back door of the city, should have escaped the notice of the constructing authority for so many years; but now that the board know of its existence, and its great value for supplementing the present supply, and delivering it at an elevation sufficient to dispense with pumping over the higher parts of the city on the southern side of the harbour, it must be secured and jealously guarded, not for hospital sites and military purposes, but for the water supply of the citizens of Sydney.

The excuse that the area in question was required for other water supply schemes was too ridiculous to be entertained for a moment, as it was well known that the applications are from the mining villages between Bulli and Helensburgh.

He submitted that the board could not accept the decision of the Minister, and recommended that he be requested to refer the whole matter for inquiry and report by the Public Works Committee as soon as possible.

After some discussion it was decided that the Minister should be asked to receive a deputation from the board to discuss the question with him.

Any Bushman will tell you that the best known remedy in Australia is ROW'S EMBROCATION.—Advt.

Yachtsmen will find the pages of the "Sydney Mail" this week replete with interest. In addition to a number of photographs of the R.S.Y.S., its founders, present leaders, and quarters, a full historical article dealing with yacht racing from the earliest times in Sydney Harbour is given. The writer, "For'd Hand," has been at great pains to collate his material, and he has put it together in a very readable manner.—Advt.

The Aquatic Notes in the "Sydney Mail" by "Trident" never lose interest week by week. The author is always well informed on important matches, and his remarks this week are full of interest.—Advt.

HELENSBURGH WHEELERS

IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

THE VALIDITY OF SPECIAL RULES.

A WHEELER'S CONVICTION UPHELD.

"AN UTTERLY INTOLERABLE COURSE OF CONDUCT."

Yesterday, before the Full Court, the hearing of an appeal arising out of the trouble with the wheelers in the Helensburgh coal mine in August last was continued, the Bench consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Mr. Justice Pring. Mr. Piddington, instructed by Mr. W. Hall Owen, of Wollongong (by his agent, Mr. Percy J. Pratt), appeared for Stephen Heffernan, wheeler, of Helensburgh, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain Joseph Seymour Rowe, mine manager of Helensburgh, and Henry John Chisholm, police magistrate of Wollongong, from further proceeding upon an adjudication on September 7 last, at the court of petty sessions, Helensburgh, by which Heffernan was ordered to pay a fine of £1, with professional and other costs, amounting to £1 8s, in default of payment within one month from the date of the adjudication, to be imprisoned for one month. Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. A. A. Lysaght, of Wollongong (by his agent, Mr. D. A. McBride), appeared for the respondent Rowe to oppose the application. It appeared that Heffernan was charged with having, on August 13, 1907, at the Helensburgh Colliery he being a person employed in or about the said colliery, to which the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, applied, and being a person bound to observe the special rules established for the mine, contravened special rule 219, by absenting himself from duty as a wheeler in the mine, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation for so absenting himself. The magistrate, as already stated, convicted defendant, who now appealed on the grounds:—1. That the information discloses no offence. 2. That the magistrate admitted the formal evidence of the informant as to the notice required to be given by the applicant before leaving work. 3. That there was no evidence to support the information. 4. That special rule 219 referred to in the information is ultra vires of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902.

Argument in the case concluded on Wednesday, and the Court now delivered judgment.

The Chief Justice in the course of his judgment said that on going to work it was necessary for the appellant to get his safety-lamp from the under-manager of the mine. Immediately, another wheeler named Morgan, who appeared to be an agitator, made a speech to the boys, setting forth some complaint which one of their number had against the manager, apparently about a few shillings, and immediately afterwards appellant handed back his lamp. The under-manager said to the wheelers: "Surely you are not going to leave the mine and stop the work? Had you not better go on with your work and send some of your body this evening to the manager to see if the matter complained of cannot be satisfactorily arranged?" But instead of doing that this man gave up his lamp—as apparently did the others—and defaulted from the mine, furnishing no explanation of any description to anyone before leaving. He was proceeded against under special rule 219 of the special rules of the mine, and being convicted was fined. The latter part of the rule applicable to the case provided that "any workman absenting himself from duty, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation, will be held liable to dismissal and prosecution." In this case the workman had absented himself from duty in the mine without giving any explanation whatever for so doing. The special rule referred to was adopted to put a stop to such an utterly intolerable course of conduct. It was intolerable to think that because one branch of the men employed in the mine—and perhaps a comparatively insignificant though necessary branch—considered that they had a dispute with the manager over a trivial matter its members should have the power to stop work in a mine and throw 400 or 500 men employed there completely out of work. The thing was absolutely intolerable, and why steps were not taken to prevent it in the interests of the other workers and miners he could not conceive. The Court heard a great deal of argument yesterday which it now turned out was beside the question at issue, and had no bearing upon it. It was said that the information was bad, because the word "workman" was not contained in it, but there was nothing in that objection. The 55th section of the Justices Act was passed for the very purpose of putting an end to the technical and hair-splitting objections which, though they unfortunately sometimes prevailed in the lower courts, had, he was glad to say, very little effect in the higher courts. The objection was only one of form, because it sufficiently appeared in the information—following the words of the Act of Parliament—that this man was a workman, and that he absented himself from duty without giving a satisfactory explanation. With regard to the other objection that special rule 219 was ultra vires, that was a matter which the Court had no power to inquire into. These rules, which were passed to regulate the working of the mines, to prevent accidents, and provide for the safety of men working there, and for the proper discipline of persons so employed, were specifically stated by the Legislature to be as much part of the Act as if they were enacted in it. They were therefore just as much a portion of the Act as the general rules, and that being so the Court had no power to inquire into their validity or reasonableness. He was also of opinion that the objection in regard to the evidence failed, and as there was abundant evidence to support the finding of the magistrate the rule must be discharged, with costs.

Mr. Justice Cohen said he was of the same opinion, and thought it was very much to be regretted that the large expense involved in the appeal should have been incurred in such a matter. There was no evidence to justify the conduct of the appellant, and it was therefore lamentable that the time of the Court should have been taken up in a proceeding involving a fine of £1 and a little over £1 for costs. He had often been surprised that the miners in a mine, who sometimes numbered 400 or 500, and who had been thrown out of employment by the conduct of the wheelers, had not themselves done the wheeling work, in order to show the wheelers that, if necessary, they were prepared to do the work they refused to do. If they took such a course the stopping of a mine by these boys would very soon come to an end.

Mr. Justice Pring concurred in the decision of his colleagues on the questions involved in the case.

The Chief Justice said he thought the decision of the magistrate was altogether too lenient. No doubt he had only power to fine up to 40s, but he ought to have exercised that power.

Appeal dismissed, with costs.

POLLUTION OF GEORGE'S RIVER AT LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

A public meeting, convened by the Mayor at the request of the council, was held in the Town Hall last night, to consider, among other matters, the construction of a weir in George's River.

The chairman said he thought the most practical solution of the difficulty was to ask the Government to construct a weir at Broughton's, in which case industries above it would be compelled to deal with their effluent, and not run it into the extended conserved water. If the construction of the weir was made part of the administration of the Charities Department, that department, by paying the interest on the capital cost of construction, would save upwards of £600 per annum for water supplied to the Liverpool Asylum.

Alderman Webster moved, and Alderman Chapman seconded,—"That a deputation be arranged to wait upon the Premier to urge upon him the necessity for constructing a weir in George's River."

Mr. Barker said he did not think the motion went far enough, and moved that it be amended by the addition of the words "at the original site determined upon by Mr. O'Sullivan, M.L.A., when Minister for Works."

Mr. Franklin seconded the amendment.

Mr. Downes, M.L.A., said that about 12 months ago a deputation waited upon Mr. Hogue with reference to the matter in question, and that gentleman at once recognised the gravity of the situation, and sent up an officer, who reported that the trouble was caused by the woolwashing establishment. Subsequently a numerously-signed petition was presented to the Minister, requesting that no steps be taken to interfere with the woolwashing establishment. Thus the Minister's action was paralysed by the action of a section of the townspeople.

After discussion, Mr. Barker's amendment was negatived.

Mr. Shepherd moved, as a further amendment, and Mr. Hardy seconded,—"That Mr. Downes, M.L.A., be requested to introduce a deputation to the Chief Secretary, praying him to take immediate steps to stop the pollution of George's River."

The amendment was put, and declared lost by the chairman.

Mr. Shepherd questioned the chairman's decision, whereupon the amendment was again put and carried, the majority of those in the hall refraining from voting.

NORTH SYDNEY.

E. A. Stanborough, 95 Arthur-street, North Sydney, N.S.W., writes:—"My father uses Dr. Sheldon's Digestive Tabules and gets great relief from them. Since taking them he is not afraid to eat anything."

Dr. Sheldon's Digestive Tabules are an unequalled preparation for the cure of Indigestion and all Stomach Troubles.—Advt.

THAT EMPTY FEELING

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MORNING CAN BE EASED BY TAKING ....

ARNOTT'S DOUBLE XX SODA BISCUITS.

THEY ARE NICE AND SATISFYING, AND THE VERY THINGS ......

FOR A LIGHT LUNCH!

KEEP A TIN IN YOUR OFFICE.
TAKE A TIN TO YOUR HOME.
USE THEM WHEN TRAVELLING.

AND DO NOT FORGET THEM

FOR YOUR SUPPER!

LIGHT! DIGESTIVE! APPETISING!
TRY THEM WITH CHEESE OR BUTTER.

LAW REPORT.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Simpson, and Mr. Justice Cohen.)

FALL DOWN A SHAFT.

Harley v Sargent and another.

Mr. Curlewis and Mr. Hammond, instructed by Mr. R. N. Henderson, appeared for plaintiff, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi to set aside the nonsuit, and for a new trial. Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, appeared for defendants, George and Foster Hartley Sargent, to oppose the motion. It appeared that defendants were carrying on business as restaurant-keepers, and were in occupation of premises in George-street. There was a lift running to the roof of the building, over which there was an asphalt cover. A new lift being required, the contract for the work was let to a Mr. Wall, who requested Messrs. Lyon, Cottier, and Co. to send a man to repair the skylight over the old lift, and plaintiff, Martin Harley, was directed by the firm named to carry out the repairs. At that time about 50 or 60 feet of the new lift had been constructed, and the shaft was covered with a piece of tarpaulin, the nature of which was obscured by dust and debris. Plaintiff, believing that the cover was solid, stepped upon it, and the tarpaulin giving way, he fell down the shaft of the lift, and was seriously injured. He subsequently brought an action against the defendants, claiming £500 damages for negligence. The case was tried at last Nisi Prius sittings, before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four, but plaintiff was nonsuited, on the ground that the defendants were not liable, and he now appealed on the grounds: (1) That the fact that the defendants employed an independent contractor did not, in the circumstances disclosed by the evidence, exonerate them from liability to the plaintiff; (2) that the fact that the contractor employed by the defendants was at the time of the injury to the plaintiff engaged in carrying out the works contracted to be done did not, in the circumstances disclosed, exonerate them from liability; (3) that there was evidence to go to the jury that the defendants did not use reasonable care and skill, in the circumstances disclosed, in preventing damage to the plaintiff from unusual danger upon the premises of which the defendants knew, or should, with reasonable care, have known, and of which the plaintiff was ignorant, and that his Honor should so have ruled.

The case stands part heard.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge.)

DISPUTE CONCERNING A COPPER MINE.

Further evidence was given in the case of Arthur Nicholson, a Sydney solicitor, plaintiff, against George Gandor, Martin Zobel, and Andrew Murray, defendants.

It was stated that the evidence would be concluded on Monday.

The further hearing of the case stands adjourned till Monday.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before Judge Heydon, President, and Messrs. J. P. Wright and E. Riley, members.)

SUMMONS FOR PENALTY.

Undertakers' Employees v P. Kirby and Sons, Ltd.

Mr. W. C. Clegg, on behalf of the Undertakers' Employees and Assistants' Union, produced evidence for a penalty against P. Kirby and Sons, Ltd., undertakers, for an alleged breach (in respect to wages) of the award made in this industry. Mr. J. Stinson appeared for the respondents.

The Court imposed a fine of £1 1s, with 40s costs.

REGISTRATION CANCELLED.

Mr. D'Arcy Irvine, of the Crown Law Department, appeared for the Registrar under the Industrial Arbitration Act, and asked for the cancellation of the registration of the Mercantile Marine Officers' Association. He read an affidavit from the Registrar, and another from the secretary of the union. The Court by consent cancelled the registration.

SHORE DRIVERS' AWARD.

Mr. Croft, on behalf of C. Hillman and Co., applied for relief from the Shore Drivers and Firemen's award. With the consent of Mr. H. A. Mitchell (the secretary), who appeared for the union, the application was granted, the exemption being subject to certain conditions.

TROLLY, DRAYMEN, AND CARTERS' UNION v MRS. ARNOLD.

Mr. M. Connington, secretary of the Trolly, Draymen, and Carters' Union, asked the Court for a penalty against Mrs. C. Arnold for an alleged breach of the (old) award, made in November, 1904. He said he was informed that the respondent employed a driver at 30s a week, instead of at 40s, as fixed in this award.

The case stands part heard.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATION.

Re Frederick Henry Crofts. Mr. Mitchell appeared for the bankrupt. The official assignee's report and the affidavit in reply having been read, the Registrar found that bankrupt had contracted debts without reasonable or probable grounds of expectation of being able to pay the same. The certificate was suspended for 12 months from the date of first application.

SINGLE MEETING.

Re Frederick George Mills and Margaret Sarah Mills. Both bankrupts were further examined by the solicitor for the creditors, and the meeting closed.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

Re Abraham and Maurice Myerson. The bankrupt Abraham Myerson was further examined by Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee of the estate, and said that "the American Skirt Company" owed Sparrow and Hardwick £127 11s 5d. Sparrow and Hardwick are an English firm, represented by Mr. Robert Morton, of Flinders-lane, Melbourne. He (bankrupt) gave a promissory note in favour of Robert Morton for goods received. Apart from the firm he could not remember whether he himself owed any debts. He thought he owed Dr. Mueller a few pounds for medical attendance. He did not know whether he owed anything on his household furniture. He must find out by looking up a little book he had in Paul-street, North Sydney.

The evidence having been read over to the bankrupt, he refused to sign it, on the ground that his appeal in bankruptcy had not been determined, and the further hearing was adjourned to November 7.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Rogers and juries.)

PLEADED GUILTY.

Montague John Longford pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a letter containing £1 12s 6d, the property of the Postmaster-General. He was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, the sentence being suspended on the accused finding surety to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

NOT GUILTY.

Alexander Donaldson was found not guilty of demanding money with menaces from Nicholas Mathias Nelson, and discharged.

ACQUITTED.

Charles Fennell, charged with indecency, was acquitted.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—New trial motion: Harley v Sargent and another (part heard). Motion nisi for new trial: Robison and another v The Minister. New trial motion: Angus and others v Tremain.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary: Stephens v The Borough of Newcastle, 11 a.m.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.: Remilton, J., v The City Mutual Life Assurance Society, Limited, for stay of proceedings; Remilton, S., same, for stay of proceedings; Lamotte v Ware, for particulars.

In Equity.—Before His Honor the Chief Judge.—At 10 a.m.—Motions generally: Permanent Trustee Co. v Powell, originating summons; re Wm. W. Jenkins and Trustee Act, petition for payment out; Laurie v Laurie, originating summons; McLaurin v Chapman, originating summons; Permanent Trustee Co. v Campbell, originating summons; Andrews v Saunders, originating summons; Sheehy v Shipway, originating summons; Vignes v Priestly, originating summons; Kirby and another v Kirby and others, originating summons; Curtis v Gillett, further consideration; Goss v Goss, originating summons; Harlow v Ward and another, originating summons.

Before the Deputy-Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company, v McCallum, to settle minutes of order. At 11.30 a.m.: Sturmaker v Gribben, to settle minutes of order. At 12 noon: Makinson v Smidmore, to settle minutes of order. At 12.15 p.m.: Municipal Council of Sydney and Quinlan, to settle draft mortgage.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—At 10.30, Emily Singleton; at 11.30 a.m., Rosetta Julia Herrmann; at 12, Alexander Cameron; at 12.30, James Henry Simpson.

In Lunacy.—Before the Chief Clerk, at 3 p.m.: Re person incapable, to pass accounts.

Before his Honor the Judge in Bankruptcy.—No. 3 Jury Court, at 10 a.m.: Application for Release: Thomas Edwin Brown. Motion under section 134: William Dunn.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Creditors' petitions: Henry Westwood Cooper v Charles Joseph Pittmann; James Shirrow Lupton, trading as T. Edmondson and Co., v Edward Wilfred Connelly; William Archer v Thomas Whitford Taylor.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Before the President and Members.—At 10 a.m.—For hearing: The Shore Drivers and Firemen's Union, claimant, and The Strand Electric Lighting Company, Limited, respondent.

Industrial Arbitration Office, Public Works-buildings, Phillip-street.—Before the Registrar: At 2.15 p.m., The Masters and Engineers' Association of New South Wales v The Sydney Ferries, Limited, to settle minutes of award.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Frederick Johnston, assault; Alfred Ernest Kyneur, inflicting grievous bodily harm; Edward Bannan, uttering.

POLICE COURTS.

A STREET INCIDENT.

William Quinn, an elderly man, pleaded guilty at the Central Police Court yesterday to a charge of assaulting William Jones, a youth, on October 30. The prosecutor said that he was driving a cart near the Victoria Markets, when the accused got in the way and paid no heed to prosecutor's warning. Quinn then struck him with a stick on the back of the head, causing him to faint and relax his hold of the reins. The accused said that he acted under provocation, as prosecutor was impudent when remonstrated with for nearly running him down. The magistrate remarked that there was no doubt that lads were careless drivers at times. Quinn was fined £1, or seven days' imprisonment.

£100 FINE.

Before Mr. Macfarlane, S.M., yesterday at the Paddington Police Court, Mary Erskine, or Avery, a widow, appeared to answer a charge of selling liquor without a license at premises situate at Glenmore-road, Paddington, on October 24.

Defendant pleaded guilty. She had been previously convicted for a similar offence, and was fined £100, or in default three months' light labour.

PUBLICANS' LICENSES TRANSFERRED.

At the Central Licensing Court yesterday the following transfers of publicans' licenses were granted:—Crecy Hotel, Oxford-street, city, William Senhouse to Mary Senhouse; Bayswater Hotel, Rushcutter Bay, Arthur Holmes to David Bielloch; Rifleman's Arms Hotel, Fitzroy-street, city, Patrick Breen to Stanley J. M'Gill; Manhattan Hotel, King-street, city, Frederick J. Fuller to Margaret J. Gunther; Captain Cook Hotel, Flinders-street, city, John R. Palmer to Sydney G. Parkes.

ROSEBERY RACECOURSE.

A TRAM LINE FOR A GUARANTEE.

The Minister for Works was asked yesterday by a deputation representing the Rosebery Racing Club to construct a branch line of tramway from Botany-road to the proprietary's new course. It was stated that the length of the line would be about three-quarters of a mile. An extra charge of, say, one penny would bring in an additional revenue of £197. At present, passengers to the course left the trams at Botany-road, and this resulted in a dangerous congestion of traffic.

Several members of the deputation spoke, and eventually Mr. Lee asked if he constructed the line, would the club be willing to make good the difference between the increased revenue and the cost of running the service. A double line would mean an expenditure of about £12,000, but he thought a single line might meet the case. The deputation gave an assurance that the club would readily give the guarantee, and the Minister thereupon said that, under those circumstances, he would have the work carried out.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

UNIVERSITIES MATCH.

A challenge shield has been presented by Mr. Vernon Nathan for perpetual competition in rifle shooting among the Australian Universities. The first annual match will take place next Saturday at 9.30 a.m. Sydney and Melbourne are the only universities competing. Each team will shoot on its own ground. It is anticipated that next year Adelaide and Tasmania will be shooting in addition, and all the teams shoot on the same ground. The Sydney team will consist of J. S. Smyth, K. Whiting, D. S. Mackenzie, E. B. Moor, C. W. Abernethy, S. L. Beeston, W. C. Petherbridge, H. G. Bundock, while H. S. Mort and R. Carnock are the emergencies. The conditions are seven shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards. Lieutenant Martyn will represent Sydney on the Melbourne ground, while Major Cortney will act in like manner for Melbourne here.

ECZEMA OF THE HEAD.

Results From Ringworm— Child Suffered Three Years—Doctors' and Chemists' Prescriptions Fail—Head Now Clean and Free from Sores—In Three Weeks Cuticura Effected a Marvellous Cure.

"It is with much pleasure that I write to inform you of the successful result of the use of Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment, which I used for a running eczema on my child's head, being the after result of ringworms. I have had lotions from the doctors, also from different chemists, but they did not have any effect on it. But after constantly washing the child's head with Cuticura Soap for about three weeks, and using about half a box of Cuticura Ointment, I am pleased to say that my child's head is now perfectly clean and free from any sores, which I must say seems a marvellous cure after three years' suffering. I shall be pleased to recommend the Cuticura remedies to anyone. Mrs. A. Grant, 82 Bronson-road, Haynes Park, Surrey. March 10, 1906."—Advt.

"A Casual Glance" in the "Sydney Mail" is more than usually interesting this week. It is a breezy contribution, and smartly illustrated.—Advt.

REVIEW OF CADETS.

BY MAJOR-GENERAL HOAD.

A SPLENDID TURNOUT.

A review of the five metropolitan battalions and attached companies of the Public School Cadets was held by Major-General Hoad in Centennial Park yesterday afternoon. The affair was a decided success, and may best be described in the words of the Inspector-General:—"A parade of cadets such as this would be a credit to any part of the British Empire." Such was the opinion not only of General Hoad, but of many others who were fortunate enough to see the future defenders of Australia at work.

There were 2000 of them, and a fine lot they looked, formed up in line waiting for the Inspector-General. All the metropolitan schools were represented, while numerous country corps were present, the districts drawn from extending as far as Newcastle on the north, Nowra on the south, and Katoomba on the west. Nearly all the lads wore the new uniform of the corps, blue tunic, kharki trousers, blue putties, and fawn-coloured hat. A kharki haversack added a finishing touch to the equipment.

Drawn up in line behind the saluting-base were a nondescript-looking lot—recruits not yet supplied with uniform. They may not have looked smart, standing at ease watching the movements of their more favoured companions on the parade ground; but, when called to attention, they showed ample signs of having been well drilled.

Colonel Paul, officer commanding the corps, was in charge, being assisted by Major F. A. Dove, Captain Alderson, and Lieutenant Smith. The battalion commanders were:—No. 1, Captain Radford; No. 2, Major Rourke; No. 3, Major Wylie; No. 4, Major Lovell; and No. 5, Major Chasling.

Major-General Hoad rode to the parade ground on his grey charger, accompanied by a trumpeter. He was received with the general salute, after which he rode down the line. That finished, he went to the saluting-base. With celerity worthy of special mention, the brigade was formed up, and marched past in column. The marching of the boys was splendid. Several of the lines were a little irregular, but considering the different sizes of the "men" it is marvellous how they managed to keep their dressing as they did. They returned in mass, and, quickly forming up again, advanced in review order. This movement was splendidly carried out. A feature of the parade was the playing of the Cook's Hill Cadet brass band, who, together with the R.A.A. band, provided the necessary music.

At the conclusion of the review the boys were addressed by the Inspector-General. He had seen most of the corps on the school grounds, because he recognised that to a great extent the school grounds of Australia were the training grounds of the future defenders. He was anxious to show by going to the school grounds some recognition of the good work being done by the boys. He also wanted to show his appreciation of the work being done by those teachers who had taken commissions, and the head masters who had given the cadet movement their co-operation. In many of the corps he had seen a high standard of efficiency. The boys who had not got rifles would shortly be given them, and he hoped that in the future no boy would be asked to carry a dummy weapon. He impressed on them the necessity of perfecting themselves in musketry.

The attendance was most creditable, especially considering the long distances travelled by some of the boys. The work done on parade was a credit to everybody. Still, there was much to be done. The establishment of the New South Wales Corps was to be increased, and he hoped that every effort would be made to bring every corps up to its full strength.

The address finished, the General returned to the saluting-base and watched the boys march off in fours. Leaving the park the tiny army proceeded along Oxford-street to Victoria Barracks, where they were dismissed. An ice-cream vendor who had pushed his barrow in the rear of the column right from the park, was then rewarded for his pertinacity, and the boys showed that if there was one thing they could do better than drill is was put "ice-cream wafers" out of sight.

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DEATHS.

FLEGG.—October 30, 1907, at her late residence, 220 Young-street, Annandale, Providence Sarah Flegg, the beloved sister of Edwin and Matthew Flegg, aged 73 years. At rest.

BALL.—October 31, 1907, at Parramatta, Harriet Hall, late of Camden, aged 48 years.

HINWOOD.—October 31, 1907, at his late residence, Ardath, Watkins-street, Rockdale, William Charles Hinwood, aged 54 years.

MURRAY.—At his residence, Atkinson-street, Liverpool, Thomas Murray, aged 70 years.

O'CONNOR.—October 29, 1907, at his parents' residence, 8 Womerah-avenue, Darlinghurst, Frederick Joseph, beloved son of Patrick and Julia O'Connor. Rest in peace.

SCOBORIO.—October 26, at Alexandria, Sydney, Olive May, the dearly loved only child of Mr. and Mrs. R. Scoborio, aged 1 year 7 months. Interred Rookwood October 28. Melbourne papers please copy.

IN MEMORIAM.

ARTHUR.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Laura Arthur, who departed this life November 1, 1902, at Redfern. Lost in sight but not in memory. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, James and Leone Flanagan.

BERRY.—In loving memory of Oliver D. Berry, who departed this life November 1, 1906. Inserted by his loving wife and only daughter, Ethel.

Friends may think we have forgotten you,
When at times they see us smile;
But they little know what aching hearts
Those smiles hide all the while.

BERRY.—In affectionate remembrance of my dear friend, Oliver Berry, who passed away 1st November, 1906. Sweet rest in heaven. Inserted by E. M. J.

CARLTON.—In loving memory of my dear brother and our dear uncle, William Carlton, who died suddenly November 1, 1906, at his residence, Carlisle-street, Leichhardt. R.I.P. Inserted by M. Kelly and family.

CHRISTIE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Margaret, who departed this life at her residence, 79 Wilson-street, Redfern, Sydney, November 1, 1900. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving sons and daughters.

COTTER.—In loving memory of my dear daughter, our dear mother and sister, Rachel Mary Ann Cotter, died 1st November, 1903, aged 38 years. Inserted by her loving mother, children, sisters, and brothers.

COTTER.—In sad and loving memory of my dear sister and aunt, Rachel Mary Ann Cotter, who died November 1, 1903, in the Sydney Hospital, after a painful illness, aged 31 years and six months. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, and nieces Margaret and Patrick, Maud and Lilian, and Patience Gilogly. Dead, but not forgotten.

COUTTS.—In fond memory of our dear father, W. J. Coutts, who died at Liverpool, November 1, 1906. Inserted by his affectionate sons, William and Alex.

CRAWLEY.—In sad but loving memory of my dearly loved husband, Frederick Crawley, who died suddenly November 1, 1906, aged 54 years and 6 months. Inserted by his loving wife, Susan. At rest. Home papers please copy.

CRAWLEY.—In loving memory of my dear father, Frederick William Crawley, who died at 32 Darghan-street, Glebe, November 1, 1906, aged 54. Inserted by his loving daughter, Lottie Crawley.

CRAWLEY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear father, Frederick Crawley, who died suddenly November 1, 1906, aged 54 years and 6 months. Inserted by his loving and only son, Edwin. Sadly missed.

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CRAWLEY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear father, Frederick Crawley, who died suddenly November 1, 1906, aged 54 years and 6 months. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, N. and A. Hayes. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

CRAWLEY.—In sad but loving memory of our dear friend, Frederick Crawley, who departed this life November 1, 1906. Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. Morton. Ever remembered and sadly missed.

FITZGERALD.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife and our mother, Lucy J. Fitzgerald, who died suddenly at Waverley, November 1, 1899, aged 42. Inserted by her loving husband and children. R.I.P.

HOLIHAN.—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Patrick Holihan, who died at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on November 1, 1904. Inserted by his wife and sons.

MINOGUE.—In sad but loving memory of my dearly beloved husband and our father, Patrick Minogue, who departed this life on November 1, 1902. Inserted by his affectionate wife and children. R.I.P.

MOEN.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Bessie, who departed this life October 31, 1906. Inserted by her loving brother and sister, Peter and Annie.

NETTLESHIP.—In loving memory of Alice Maud, the dearly beloved eldest daughter of Mr. James W. Spicer, of Berkeley, Simmons-street, Enmore, who died November 1, 1904, aged 22 years.
To be with Christ, which is far better.
Inserted by her loving father, brothers, and sisters.

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THE COAL CRISIS.

The abrupt termination of the conference between the colliery proprietors and the miners' representatives at Newcastle does not promise well for the prosperity of our coalfields in the near future. Our news to-day from Newcastle is that the industrial outlook is serious. It is feared that the miners may be disposed to go to extremes. Yet we are loth to believe that they will seriously contemplate a general strike. The facts are so far against them that the public is not likely to give them any sympathy; and apart from the position as it affects the miners themselves, precipitate action by them must tend to add materially to the burden already created by the new tariff. What are the facts? In the first place a rise of 4d in the hewing rate of coal is assured from the beginning of the year. The miners with 4s 2d per ton, and full-time certain if they choose to work, will be in a better position than they have enjoyed for four years, and the prospects are still in their favour, since there is every probability that the price of coal will advance. A further increase in the hewing rate may come in due course, and patience is a virtue as well worth practising by them as by their employers. It seems incredible under the circumstances that any body of men should propose to cease work because they have received a substantial advance in wages which does not come quite up to their demands. Usually these difficulties arise because the proposal is to reduce wages, when the masters are obliged by pressure from falling markets to cut down expenditure. Here we have the suggestion that a great industry shall be dislocated and an army of workers thrown out of employment in other directions because in two months' time an increase in wages is not doubled.

The position, of course, is that the miners think they can see sound reasons why the local price of coal should be advanced. If it were raised from 11s per ton to 12s at a bound there can be little doubt that the Australian consumer would have to pay. He must have the coal; it is raw material in our industries. But unless the condition of the foreign market warranted the increase it would be manifestly unfair and unwise to take this step. The Commonwealth Parliament has decided that there shall be no such restraint placed upon the local consumer of any commodity; and apart from legislation on the subject it must be against the interests of trade and of the worker everywhere to make the manufacturer pay more for coal than his competitors abroad are obliged to give. Moreover, the colliery proprietors are surely the best guardians of their own interests. They would raise the price of coal for export at once if they could be sure of getting a market, and the buyer for home consumption would have to accept the situation. But to force the Australian manufacturer to pay 12s per ton, while merchants next door gave but 11s, because they are ready to send the coal out of the Commonwealth altogether, would raise an issue which could not be conceded for a moment, and which ought to be fought without reserve. It certainly seems fair on the facts that the miners should be willing to take one advance at a time. A strike would be suicidal. It would successfully assert no sound principle, and it would send adversity in place of prevalent prosperity. The conceded 4d per ton would disappear as time lost, trade would be thrown into confusion, making loss upon loss, and the miners even if they won would be no better off than if they had accepted market conditions as the governing factor in the present dispute.

THE FODDER DUTIES.

The item relating to hay and chaff in the tariff schedule has entailed another rebuff to the Government, while giving the House of Representatives an opportunity to talk about the suspension of fodder duties in view of the drought. The Treasurer had a rough-and-ready way of dealing with the suggestion. It was too absurd, he said, to waste time about; and the remark was made at a time when a large portion of this State is bare of feed. Prices have gone up so high in some places as to make hand-feeding too expensive even in the dairying districts, and we have heard of instances where owners found it more economical to let their beasts die than to hand-feed them over the dry season. Sir William Lyne's reasons for opposing the asked-for measure of relief are characteristic. He had been told by a farmer from Tasmania the previous night, he gravely informed the House, that the season there had been the best experienced. He had also learnt, no doubt from similar casual sources, that South Australia and Western Australia had enjoyed fine seasons, and even parts of Victoria as well. Yet against that he was able to quote figures showing that the number of sheep in New South Wales had decreased from 62,000,000 in 1891 to 36,000,000 in 1899, and he propounds the curious argument that because there were no duties on fodder then matters cannot be made worse now by the increased prices the tariff will render necessary. It is a foolish argument—as much so, indeed, as the quotation from the Western Australian Customs measure which the Treasurer mistook for a provision in the Commonwealth Act.

The House decided against the Government, but if it were possible for the State to step in and help us here such action would be the most pointed comment on the unwillingness of the Federal Ministry to go out of its way to consider the interests of New South Wales and its primary producers. Wednesday's rainfall, and the promise of more which it encourages, may place us in a happier situation, but even under the most favourable circumstances the mischief has gone too far for immediate cure. There must be a certain amount of hardship under any circumstances, and its victims will be slow to forget the strong opposition offered by the Federal Government to the proposition even for the suspension of the fodder duties for six or twelve months. The best of the reports so far only suggest partial relief. In districts like that round Yass the fall has come too late to assist the grain, and at Peak Hill failure is already assured. At Junee the crops are saved, hay may be benefited in the Yass district, and at Manilla the indications are reported as looking better. Similar stories of varying fortunes come in from other directions, and it is quite clear that the country requires far more rain to ensure even the much belated promise of a fair season. Uncertain as the prospect is it would have been safer, but for the action of the House, to rely on that than on the goodwill of the Federal Ministry to assist our distressed people on the land.

THE AGRICULTURAL STAFF.

When introducing the bill to provide for a new Department of Agriculture Mr. Wade was advised by his critics to have practical men associated with it. The question raised in this connection is a vital one. We do not for a moment suggest that those who have been in charge of the department as we know it have failed in their duty or have not put their best energies into their work. Within the limits of their ability and experience they have done well, and the State is their debtor. But a new Department of Agriculture calls for a new organisation, for new men, and for the new science in all its developments. No branch of the public service so much requires to be freed from the official mind and cut loose from the traditions of red tape which are inevitably and inextricably bound up with Civil Service routine. The argument for a new department is only strong as it is based upon the fact of advances in agriculture, with which this State so far has not been able adequately to keep abreast; and only men trained in the modern schools and thoroughly equipped with the results of modern research can hope to do for New South Wales what is being done for nearly every State in America. Competency, therefore, is not a question of loyal service. We concede everything that may be demanded under that head to the officers in possession. It is a matter of scientific equipment, and of proved experience along administrative lines found to be essential to success in the most progressive countries in the world.

If a parallel in our own experience were required we could find it in the Railway Department, though the activities of railway management cover in some respects a narrower range. That is to say, the railway manager has his work cut out for him, and his practical knowledge if acquired in other parts of the world has only to be adapted to the new conditions to prove sufficient for all needs. But the point is that the experience gained outside has been deemed essential to the successful management of our railways. The Chief Railway Commissioner has been chosen because of his wide range of knowledge and experience, which could only have been gained in railway enterprise in Europe or America. So the new Department of Agriculture will need something more than official trustworthiness to give it life and adequate fruit. It must have practical men in charge; but they must be thoroughly seized with our needs on the wider range. We want the readiness to grasp great problems at the outset, not necessarily to solve them at once, but to prepare the way for their solution. Half the battle of closer settlement will be won if the new department be in sympathy with the man on the land, whether he be in the dry west or the fertile north, if it be equipped with the latest knowledge, and if it be as ready to take as to give when the farmer thinks he has something to add to the general stock. Nothing could be more scientific or more practical than the methods and work of the Federal Department of Agriculture in the United States, and its magnificent successes have come very largely through its freedom from the official mind.

INTERSTATE RELATIONS.

The matter of the Murray waters agreement came up in the Assembly this week on the initiative of Mr. Scobie and Mr. M'Gowen, who both addressed questions to the Premier on the subject. It is true that there has been some delay on the part of this State in bringing the matter before Parliament as the terms of that agreement require, but it is not necessary to assume from this that we are backing out of the arrangement or even unduly postponing its consideration. The Premier was able to give a simpler explanation, which, indeed, should not have been necessary to those members who took up so much time in empty debate on Mr. M'Gowen's no-confidence motion. Our Parliament has only sat a month, and most of its time was occupied by that debate. The South Australian Parliament has been in session three months, and in that lies most of the difference, but not all. We have a good deal of reason to be dissatisfied with the way in which we are being met by the other two States in respect of other matters—the fruit question, for instance. This is rather unfortunate, especially at a time when we are being invited to bind ourselves by legislative enactment to give way in favour of our neighbours over this Murray waters question. As things now stand we have certain rights. As a matter of compromise, and for the sake of arriving at something like a practical working finality in regard to the saving of the waste waters of our biggest river, our representative at the conference of the three Premiers on the subject came to a certain agreement. But before Parliament will ratify it members have a right to be sure that we are getting a fair deal all round.

To ostracise our fruit on insufficient grounds and ask us to give away our rights on the Murray waters question at the same time was evidently rather too strong a proposition to Mr. Wade's mind. It is perhaps a regrettable circumstance that the States should be reduced to bargaining in this way over a matter of national concern, but the fault does not lie with us. We must defend our rights against aggression; if necessary, and if the necessity is forced upon us, even by retaliation. In that way only can we hope to hold our own against our neighbours. Mr. Wade has pointedly called attention to the prohibitions imposed by the Victorian Government in respect of overland fruit imports, and he advised similar strict regulations against Victorian fruit coming over our borders. South Australia had done the same thing, and yet we find the "Argus" and Mr. Swinburne congratulating us on the advent of more friendly relations. But here, if ever, it is surely a case of letting the other side begin first. "If they showed a more conciliatory spirit," said the Premier in the Assembly, "the Government would be more likely to deal speedily with the Murray waters question." It may not be a large-minded attitude, but as that is liable to be misunderstood this is more likely to be effective. There are other matters in the way of Parliament taking up the agreement this session, but even if it is not reached till next year the delay will give our neighbours time to realise the situation.

PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES.

Mr. Holman, the deputy leader of the Labour Opposition, urged in the discussion on the Supply Bill that the "honorarium" enjoyed by members of the Legislative Assembly should be raised to a level of the salary voted to themselves by a majority of senators and members of the House of Representatives in the Federal Parliament. It is not surprising to learn that this proposal was received in silence. It meant that Parliament should double the amount now paid to members of the Lower House, and that for no other ostensible reason than because Federal legislators had raised their salary. This action of the Federal Parliament will long be remembered and resented as a breach of faith with the people and a flagrant case of self-seeking. Every senator and representative who joined in this sinister transaction will have to bear for the rest of his political life the public reprobation of an act most damaging to the prestige of the Parliament of Australia. It is noteworthy that Mr. Holman adversely criticised the method but not the principle of this appropriation of public money to private purposes by the elected custodians of public interests.

No State Parliament which values its reputation can afford to follow the example set by the Federal Parliament. The theory of payment of members is that men who devote their time to the service of the country by legislation should receive not payment for the services, which might run into remarkable sums, but simply—an honorarium. Besides this honorarium, amounting in value to £300 a year, members of the Legislative Assembly can travel free and most comfortably all over Australia if they like, and they are supplied without cost to themselves with certain postal and telegraphic facilities. If all these advantages are not enough to satisfy members they have a dignified form of protest available. The amount is not large enough to tempt a busy professional or commercial man, who, if he becomes a candidate for Parliamentary honours, mainly does so because he thinks he can do his country some service. And now it appears that it does not seem large enough to the average Labour member, who probably never enjoyed so large a regular income before. After all, the reform that the people want to make in reference to the Legislative Assembly is the reduction of members, not the increase of their salary. It is absurd, when one comes to think of it, to know that whilst Australia can do with some 75 members of the Lower House, New South Wales must have 90. Members should shun the example of the Federal Parliament, for that course of action will certainly fan into flame again the public demand for a large reduction of members.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

The Nobel Peace Prize.—The State Governor has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies a circular despatch covering copies of a notice issued by the Nobel committee of the Norwegian Parliament, with regard to the nomination of candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize of 1908. The prize is to be distributed on December 10, 1908, and all proposals of candidates must be laid before the committee by a duly qualified person before February 1, 1908. Anyone of the following persons is held to be duly qualified:—Members and late members of the Nobel committee of the Norwegian Parliament, as well as the advisers appointed at the Norwegian Institute, members of Parliament and members of Government of the different States, as well as members of the inter-parliamentary union; members of the International Arbitration Court at the Hague; members of the commission of the Permanent International Peace Bureau; members and associates of the Institute of International Law; university professors of political science and of law, of history and philosophy; and persons who have received the Nobel Peace Prize. The prize may also be accorded to institutions or associations. The grounds upon which any proposal is made must be stated, and handed in along with such papers and other documents as may therein be referred to. Every written work to qualify for a prize must have appeared in print.

State Debt and Sinking Fund.—With the financial year ended June 30 last there came to a termination the second year's operations of the Commissioners constituted under the State Debt and Sinking Fund Act of 1904. The Commissioners commenced the year with a credit balance in cash and securities of £566,484, and this was added to during the year by the annual contribution of £350,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund and by other payments which brought the total to £983,222. Resumptions of Treasury Deficiency Bills and debentures were effected to the extent of £477,784. There is now on fixed deposit with the banks, earning interest, £298,295; on deposit with the Colonial Treasurer £5986, and on current account in the bank, £178,455; and the Commissioners have invested £22,608 in the purchase of 3 per cent. funded stock on the local market to the face value of £25,337.

Drought-stricken Settlers.—The second instalment of the purchase money of holdings in the Gobbagombalin and Marrar closer settlement areas are due early next year, and the settlers fear that owing to the drought they will be unable to meet their obligations. Yesterday Mr. M'Garry, M.L.A., accompanied by Mr. W. J. Beck, Mr. E. Crouch, and Mr. T. I. Campbell (secretary of the Farmers and Settlers' Association), waited upon the Minister for Lands, and presented a petition from the settlers on the estates asking that the second instalment be deferred until the end of the 38-year period. Mr. Moore pointed out that there were numerous objections to the course suggested, but he promised that if any of the settlers found themselves in difficulties owing to the drought he would deal with individual cases on their merits, and grant such reasonable time for payment of the instalment as the circumstances appeared to warrant.

Record Price for Wool.—Some excitement was caused in "wool" circles yesterday, when it was known that the record price for wool had been obtained. Four bales of A combing fleece, E.W.H., from Cooyal, Mudgee, sold by the Pastoral Finance Association, brought 17½d in the grease. This is the highest price obtained for greasy wool since the boom in '99. One leading Continental buyer stated he had not seen such a fine staple for 10 years. Connoisseurs who had examined the fleece knew it would sell well, and spirited bidding resulted. The price rose from 14d to 15d, then to 16d, 16½d, 17d, till it was ultimately knocked down to Stoltenhoff for 17½d per lb. The woolbuyers always whistle at any exceptional price obtained, but on this occasion mere whistling could not suffice, and buyers, brokers, and press applauded the record.

A Hub of Imperialism.—At the Ulster banquet, in responding to the toasts of kindred associations, the representatives of the Highland, Yorkshire, and Cornish societies mentioned the probability of all the different associations occupying rooms in the same building, and with a common hall for concerts, banquets, and the like. Immigrants from Great Britain would be welcomed there, distinguished visitors could be entertained, while the place would be a centre of loyalty and imperialism. One speaker remarked that it would counteract that undercurrent of disloyalty—that idea of "cutting the painter"—which is occasionally met with in Australia.

Railway and Tramway Finances.—Up to June 30 the amount spent on railway lines open for traffic in this State was £44,700,230. The net earnings after paying working expenses for the year ended June 30 amounted to £2,209,665, and the amount of interest called for at the average rate payable on the public debt of New South Wales, viz., 3.628 per cent., was £1,598,710. This left a surplus on the year of £610,955. The amount spent on tram lines open for traffic stands at £3,669,524. Net earnings for the year after paying working expenses total £180,754. The amount of interest called for at the average rate of 3.628 per cent. absorbed £131,793, leaving a surplus of £48,961.

Treatment of Juvenile Offenders.—It was announced at the meeting of the State Children Relief Board on Tuesday that Mr. John L. King, special magistrate of the Metropolitan Children's Court, had recently visited the Farm Home at Mittagong for the treatment of wayward boys, convicted under the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act, and had expressed his conviction that the work was being well executed. "The happy faces of the children," he had said, "indicated that they appreciate the efforts that are being made by all concerned for their future welfare." The policy of the board is to keep the lads in the Farm Home for only a brief period—usually two months—when they are placed with individual guardians in the country, where the essentials of a wholesome home life are present, and they can be trained under normal conditions to ultimately perform their duties as citizens. The board holds—with the advanced thought in other countries—that institutional care of children is artificial. The proper place for children is not strictly guarded within the four walls of a largebuilding, but in the general community, under the direction of competent guardians—the natural parents when they are competent, foster parents in other circumstances—who live the life with them, extending advice and sympathy when the trials of the child-life appear, as they inevitably do, from day to day. Within an institution the child is artificially protected from these trials until he (or she) attains the age of 16 years. He is then sent into the community, the entire conditions of the change are novel, and shorn of the protecting bricks and mortar, he is more than ever liable to fall a victim to temptation.

Heavy Supplies of Live Stock.—Notwithstanding the inadequacy of the live stock carrying capacity of the railways this season, over 320,000 sheep and lambs were sold through the Homebush Fat Stock Saleyards last month. Those supplies—in round numbers—were 75,700 in excess of the quantities sold in September last, and 122,900 in excess of the pennings in October, 1906. If no further rain falls in the country speedily the quantities forward last month will probably be exceeded this month, for the "D" trucks offered by the Railway Department for carrying sheep and lambs will probably be utilised. Owners with poor-conditioned stock, and very little, if any, feed and water, must necessarily rush the market while there is yet time to get some returns. When sheep sell as low as 5s to 6s each, lambs as low as 3s to 4s each, and (if only odd) cattle as low as 20s to 40s per head, it is evident that no time can be lost in sending stock to market.

The Passing of the Old.—Another link with the past has been severed by the disposal of "Acacia," Alfred-street, North Sydney, and the adjacent land, which has been secured for subdivision purposes. The site is a historical one, having been purchased by the Syers family in 1854, and occupied by them up to a few weeks ago. When Mr. Syers acquired the estate thick bush surrounded it on every side; tidal waters from Neutral Bay flowed almost to the confines of Alfred-street, and the only communication with Sydney was across the bush to Neutral Bay, and thence by rowing boat. For many years a large orchard was located on the estate and some of the finest oranges ever seen in New South Wales were grown thereon. Men whose hair is now grey can tell of fruit-commandeering escapades from the garden, and trips into the adjacent bush for wild flowers and 'possums. Some very fine acacia and oak trees still remain on the property as reminders of its wooded days.

Loitering of School Children.—It was recently stated that owing to "defective education laws or in departmental working," children were to be seen in large number in the streets of the city during school hours. The supervision of school attendance being one of the functions of the State Children Relief Department, special attention was directed to the matter, and the police and officers of the department have been particularly vigilant. At the meeting of the board held on Tuesday, it was announced that the statement that children frequented the streets was not founded on fact. The principal places frequented by children are Belmore markets and the various parks; but, during school hours, children of school age are conspicuous by their absence from these places. Several habitual wanderers who were to be seen in the neighbourhood were dealt with some time ago, under the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act, and removed to the country.

An Unrehearsed Incident.—Last week, while one of the new passenger locomotives manufactured by the Clyde Engineering Company, Ltd., was on the main suburban line, running to the depot to be formally handed over, it had an experience which recalls the exploits of .007 in one of Rudyard Kipling's famous short stories. The engine was pulsating its way along the metals and was suddenly hauled up by block signals at Homebush. An engine attached to a passenger train had broken down at the station and another engine was needed to take the cars on to Parramatta. Telephonic messages were flashed from head-quarters, and in a few minutes the new engine had replaced the disabled one, and was showing its ability as an Australian product by running a long train to Parramatta. It kept on duty, until it had made the return journey to Sydney, where a relief engine took its place, and the Clyde locomotive, without a quiver of pride in its steel heart, went to the running sheds to be finally accepted as worthy. One would look far for such an incident again, and it goes to show how the novelist's vagrant fancy often proves prophetic.

Germany and the Loadline.—A cablegram was published yesterday stating that initial steps have been taken at Hamburg to assimilate next year the loadline for ships adopted by Germany with that of Great Britain. The negotiations between the English and German authorities as to the position of the Plimsoll mark on vessels have been going on for a long time. A mixed commission has been studying the question, and no doubt has made recommendations. Captain Newton, the New South Wales Superintendent of Navigation, considers that the agreement will be viewed with satisfaction generally.

Tram Dangers.—Mr. Joseph H. Collins writes to point out the danger and inconvenience caused by the George-street trams running across Campbell-street and Regent street before coming to a stop, and the confusion caused by the inward and outward bound trams overlapping at Regent and Harris streets. He suggests that better noticeboards be erected at the exact stopping places to indicate where passengers must wait for trams. Inquiry shows that opinions differ as to whether it is more dangerous for the trams to run over the crossings named before coming to a stop, or to stop before crossing, and a Regent-street it is necessary that the trams should come to a standstill at a point which will leave the Harris-street line free. The absence of accidents at Campbell-street and Regent-street shows that the officials are careful, and if passengers leave and enter the cars from the proper side the stopping of two trams abreast cannot add to the danger.

The Warships.—The flagship Powerful yesterday left Albany for Melbourne. The Encounter arrived at Port Phillip several days ago. The Pyramus, from Brisbane, arrived at Newcastle yesterday, and will remain there two days. The Prometheus and Pegasus are expected to reach Melbourne this week.

Opening of the Trout Season.—Hundreds of trout fishermen are ready to be the first to haul to their landing-nets trout at the beginning of the season. Many anglers have already left Sydney for the first cast of the season, and there is little doubt that some good catches will be early recorded. Reports from the best-stocked districts indicate that there are plenty of fish showing, but that the rivers are rather low. However, rain has fallen in a few places, and if there has not been too great a muddying of the water and too large a supply of beetles, worms, and other food washed from the land, the trout should rise. There is a peculiar honour in the catching of the first trout of the season, that is, of substantial size. The legal size at which the fish are capturable is 10 inches, and all under that size will no doubt be returned to the water as soon as hooked by sportsmen. Only those who disregard the future will break the law in this respect. The chief streams to which anglers have turned their attention this year are the Snowy and Murrumbidgee, the Goodradigbee, the Yarrangobilly, the Duckmaloi, the Beardie, the Cobrabald, the Macdonald, the Upper Tumut, and the Jounama. All these trout-waters are in the vicinity of towns or villages, where ample accommodation at inexpensive rates may be secured. Some of the accommodation is rough, but, on the whole, it is clean and wholesome, and the excellence of the sport obtainable, as a rule, is unquestionable. The season opened before daylight this morning.

PERSONAL.

On Sunday, the 3rd November, the Emperor of Japan will enter his 56th year. In Japan, the Emperor's birthday is one of the principal holidays of the year, and is always celebrated with much official ceremony and great popular enthusiasm. For the past 11 years—that is, since the establishment of a Japanese Consulate in Australia—the occasion has been regularly commemorated in Sydney by an official reception at the Consulate-General in the forenoon, and by an entertainment, either in the form of a garden party or a harbour excursion—given by the Consular representative to the Japanese residents and other friends in the afternoon. As the birthday this year falls on a Sunday, the official reception, from 10.30 a.m. till noon, and the subsequent entertainment will take place to-morrow. The afternoon function will consist of a harbour excursion, on the invitation of Mr. I. Takeda, Chancellor-in-Charge of the Consulate-General, for which some 250 acceptances have been received. The steamer Lady Rawson will leave Fort Macquarie at 2.15, and proceed to Bantry Bay, Middle Harbour, where Mr. Takeda has arranged for an exhibition of Japanese fencing and jiu-jitsu, and also a display of Japanese day fireworks. "While the loyalty of the Japanese to their Throne is one of the chief features of the national character," writes a correspondent, "it must be admitted that in the case of the present Emperor, those feelings are naturally emphasised by exceptional circumstances. For not only is the reigning monarch the 121st in a direct, unbroken line from the Emperor Jimmu Tenno, who founded the existing dynasty 2567 years ago, but he is the sovereign during whose reign of 40 years the marvellous transformation and Westernisation of Japan has taken place, and who is personally and individually responsible for the granting of the new Constitution to his country which made this possible. Some idea of the antiquity of the existing dynasty may be given when the fact is mentioned that the Emperor Jimmu founded it 660 years B.C. He was consequently contemporaneous with the Hebrew Kings Manasseh and Josiah, and may have been a boy when the destruction of Sennacherib's host took place in the reign of Hezekiah. One hundred and fifty years had to pass before the time of Queen Esther and King Ahasuerus, and one hundred before the prophet Daniel should read the handwriting on the wall at Belshazzar's feast, or interpret the dream of Nebuchadnezzar."

Mr. E. M. Clark's supporters and friends entertained him at a harbour excursion on Wednesday. The party left Fort Macquarie and landed at Killarney, Middle Harbour, where they took possession of the dancing saloon. Songs were rendered. After returning to the boat speeches were made, expressive of the high esteem in which the guest was held. Mr. Clark, in reply, said that however he might act, he would never vote for a Labour Ministry. A repast was served on board. Mr. Clark was notified that a purse of sovereigns would be presented to Mrs. Clark.

At the Royal Exchange yesterday, Mr. Harry Small was made the recipient of a testimonial from members of the Exchange and some friends. The president of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, made the presentation, and referred to the many good qualities of their "factotum." Mr. Small had for 43 years served them faithfully and well. He had been working at the Exchange before the present acting-secretary was born. Though he had passed the allotted three score and ten, they trusted that he would continue to serve them for years to come. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Small's tact, readiness, and intelligence had earned the respect of all. After Mr. Rogers added his tribute, Mr. Winchcombe presented Mr. Small with a bank deposit for £150. A flashlight photograph of the presentation was taken, after which Mr. Small suitably responded.

Mr. John Harrison, who has for the past 20 years filled the position of manager of the Haymarket branch of the Commercial Bank of Australia, was yesterday the recipient of a purse of sovereigns, on his retirement from the bank to take up a position in a large commercial house. Mr. H. B. Howe, who presided, spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Harrison's ability and courtesy. The health of the retiring officer was drunk.

The funeral of the late Mr. James Watson, M.L.C., took place yesterday at Rookwood Cemetery, where the remains were conveyed by special train. A number of the deceased's friends, who did not accompany the coffin to the Necropolis, assembled at Glanworth, Darling Point, where one of the rooms was entirely filled with floral tributes. At the cemetery the service was conducted by the Rev. Willoughby Flower, the remains being subsequently interred in the family mausoleum. The chief mourners were Rev. Thomas Watson (brother), Dr. Frederick Watson and Mr. Herbert Frazer Watson (sons), Dr. Ewan Frazer (nephew), and Mr. Stewart Osborne (son-in-law). The Legislative Council, of which the late gentleman was a member, was represented by Sir Francis Suttor (President), Sir Arthur Renwick, and Messrs. W. J. Trickett (Chairman of Committees), E. W. Fosbery, J. J. Calvert (Clerk of Parliaments), and Mr. W. L. O. Cooper (Usher of the Black Rod). The many others who attended the funeral included Drs. A. R. Marks, Fiaschi, Kendall, George Armstrong, A. Murray Will, Gill, Cuthbert Hall, Messrs. J. F. Hoare, E. A. Milford, George Osborne, H. E. and J. Manning, Francis Adams, A. P. Stewart, H. H. Scarr, R. A. Dobbin, James Stevenson, Charles Binnie, John Buchanan, T. M. Tinley, Charles Clubb, H. M'Leod, R. H. Robertson, Baxter, Alexr. Macpherson, Ernest Watson, R. H. Ducker, E. E. Fosbery, Mackenzie (representing Judge G. B. Simpson), George Brockway, and the Church of England trustees.

The town clerk (Mr. T. H. Nesbitt) has improved in health. He was able to leave his bed yesterday, and hopes to resume duty shortly.

At the Linnean Society's meeting on Wednesday night, the president, Mr. A. H. Lucas, referred to the death, on October 28, of Mr. Alfred Stapleton, who had been uninterruptedly in the service of some member of the Macleay family or of the society for nearly 50 years. The society resolved to place upon record its appreciation of the deceased.

The funeral of the late Mr. William Holmes Nisbet, managing director of the Westinghouse Brake Company of Australasia, Limited, took place yesterday at Gore Hill Cemetery. The service at the graveside was read by the Rev. James Kinghorn, of North Sydney.

A dinner was tendered at Paris House on Monday last to Mr. W. F. Stewart, of the Auckland Gas Company, by a few of his Sydney friends, on the eve of his marriage to Miss Jess Forsyth, daughter of Mr. John Forsyth, Peckham, Randwick.

Mr. Charles Helps, of the revenue branch of the Treasury Department, was on Friday presented by his fellow-officers with a pair of silver entree dishes and a silver rose bowl, on an ebony stand, as a wedding gift. Mr. J. W. Holliman, Under-Secretary for Finance and Trade, handed the presents to the recipient.

TO-DAY.

R.A.A. Band: Hyde Park, 3.30.
State Military Band: Argyle Reserve, 5.
St. Mary's Church, Waverley: Annual Fete, 3.
Address by Mr. J. A. Hogue: 302 Pitt-street, 8.
North Shore Bridge League: Town Hall, Chatswood, 8.

Her Majesty's Theatre: "Tom Moore," 8.
Theatre Royal: "Brewster's Millions," 8.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 7.45.
Criterion Theatre: "The Female Swindler," 8.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 8.
Oxford Theatre: Picturescope Company, 8.
Clay's Vaudeville: Masonic Hall, North Sydney, 8.
Zoological Gardens: 10 a.m.
Bondi Beach Skating Rink: 10 to 10.
Victoria Hall: Picturescope, 8.
Queen's Hall: London Bio-Tableaux, 8.
Glaciarium, George-street West: 10.
Wonderland City, Bondi: 10.
The Figure Eight, Coogee: 3.30.

We have received from Farmers and Company, Ltd., a copy of "Fashions and Facts" for November. As advertised elsewhere, the issue contains portraits of Madame Clara Butt and Mr. Kennerley Rumford, and an interview with the former. "Fashions and Facts" will be sent gratis and post free on request.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

FEDERAL SESSION.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Perhaps the most severe blow yet received by Sir William Lyne in connection with his tariff was that dealt this evening on the subject of the fodder duties, the committee, with considerable enthusiasm, absolutely rejected this new impost and restoring hay and chaff to the free list. Much as the Treasurer felt the indignity to which he was subjected a few weeks ago by an enormous reduction in wire netting duties, he suffered much more acutely as a result of his defeat to-day, and was unable to conceal his inward feelings. He has now been taught two excellent lessons concerning the duties of the Government to the primary producers of Australia.

The battle on behalf of those who are now suffering from the ravages of drought in New South Wales and Queensland was resumed as soon as the House met, and was waged with great determination for four hours before victory appeared possible. Members were unable to appreciate the Treasurer's argument in favour of imposing a duty on fodder, which was only imported in times of national calamity, and several protectionists were included amongst Sir William Lyne's most relentless critics. He was asked time after time how he could possibly regard such a duty as part of his protectionist principles, seeing that under normal climatic conditions the demand was locally supplied, and he was unable to furnish a reply. When he was charged with seeking to punish the people in times of adversity, his only answer was that the other four States of the Commonwealth were in a position to supply the requirements of New South Wales and Queensland.

Many pathetic pictures were painted of the terrible conditions existing in parts of New South Wales. Mr. Fuller described the sufferings of people in the Illawarra district, who, on account of the high price of fodder, were compelled to let their stock die; while Mr. Agar Wynne, a Victorian protectionist, told the committee that chaff had advanced in Melbourne to £7 a ton, and that sheep were being sacrificed at a shilling per head. Mr. Spence, who has an intimate knowledge of the far western districts of New South Wales, spoke of the deplorable state of affairs in the interior, but still the Treasurer remained defiant and deaf to all entreaties. In his usual blundering way he quoted statistics to show that larger numbers of sheep perished in New South Wales when fodder was admitted free than after the duty was imposed. It was difficult to see the point which Sir William Lyne desired to make, for the only logical deduction that could be drawn from his argument was that the higher the duty placed on fodder the smaller would be the rate of mortality amongst sheep.

Attempts at a compromise between the Government and its critics, to suspend the application of the duty, were unsuccessfully made, and once again the Treasurer exhibited utter ignorance of the Commonwealth Customs law. He asserted emphatically that the Government had power to suspend duties, and when challenged by the leader of the Opposition he quoted from a State law of Western Australia, believing that the volume which he had casually picked up was issued by the Commonwealth. When reminded by Mr. Reid of his error, he collapsed to the intense merriment of members. The vote, which defeated the Government, was recorded during the evening sitting, and the result was announced amid cheering.

Progress with the tariff was fairly rapid when this vexed question had been disposed of, but there was a halt when matches was reached. Enormous increases were proposed by the Government, but after consultation with the Opposition, Sir William Lyne receded from his position, and accepted one-third of the duties he had sought to impose on manufactures of the United Kingdom, and a very substantial reduction on goods of foreign countries.

When midnight approached, an adjournment was sought, but the Government decided to continue the sitting.

IN PARLIAMENT.

When the Legislative Assembly met yesterday Mr. O'Sullivan drew Ministerial attention to the fact that though the reserve waters in the Cataract dam were being largely drawn on, the water in the Prospect Reservoir continued to fall steadily. The Minister for Works, commenting on this, said the whole question of adding to the catchment area had been under consideration, and that some months ago he took the precaution of reserving a very large area for catchment purposes. He added that much of what had been stated by the president of the Water and Sewerage Board was not founded on fact.

The Federal capital site question was raised by Mr. Price, who is anxious that a final settlement should be reached without further delay. Mr. Wade replied that he had the matter in hand, and hoped within a few days to have definite information. He intended to do all he could to expedite a settlement. Mr. Hollis urged the Premier to guard against any scheme for widening Macquarie-street being allowed to encroach on Hyde Park, and Mr. Wade replied that he would bear the request in mind.

Messrs. J. H. Cann, D. Fell, M. F. Morton, D. Storey, and [illegible] Griffith were elected members of the Public Accounts Committee. Mr. Holman retired in favour of Mr. Griffith. Members of the Elections and Qualifications Committee were sworn in, and the Speaker announced that the committee would meet on Monday morning to deal with the petition of Mr. John Hurley against the election of Mr. Dooley as member for Hartley.

The Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill, the second reading of which was moved by Mr. Wade, had a [illegible] passage through committee. As introduced, the bill provided that any person committed for trial for an indictable offence, might, within 14 days after committal, apply to a Judge in Chambers for legal aid for his defence, and if the Judge was satisfied that the applicant was without means, and that it was desirable that such legal aid should be supplied, he should certify to the Attorney-General. Amendments were carried providing—(1) that the application for legal aid might be made at any time prior to the jury being sworn; (2) that the application might be made to the committing magistrate; (3) that the application might be made to a chairman of Quarter Sessions; (4) that payment should be made of the expenses of all material witnesses. Other amendments were discussed and rejected. The chairman (Mr. Cohen) felt it necessary to keep members strictly within the rules of debate, and refusal to obey his ruling and to apologise for remarks which the chairman regarded as highly disrespectful led to Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Stuart-Robertson being named and escorted from the chamber.

The principal business dealt with by the Legislative Council yesterday consisted of the Temporary Supply Bill, which was rapidly passed through all its stages, and returned to the Assembly. Dr. Mackellar having obtained the necessary leave brought in a bill to provide for the registration of nurses and the regulation and inspection of private hospitals. It was read the first time. The House rose a few minutes before 5 o'clock.

The manufacturing confectioners of Sydney and Newcastle have notified by advertisement that the price of imported goods has been lowered in accordance with the reduced duty.

Billiard licenses expire on December 31. It is notified that applications for renewals, etc., should be forwarded at once to the licensing clerk, Central Police Station.

The Port Jackson and Manly Steamship Company, Limited, notify that they are going to run a steamer service between Manly Beach and the Spit. The service will commence on Saturday, 9th November, and will run on [illegible]day and Saturday afternoon, Sundays, and holidays at frequent intervals.

"Pro Bono Publico" writes, complaining of the lack of proper accommodation at the Central Railway Station for early morning arrivals, who wish to have a wash and brush-up when they leave the train. He also alleges that porters fail to attend to the luggage.

At last night's meeting of the Sydney School of Arts Debating Club a motion was carried to the effect that the Labour Party's attitude in connection with the present [illegible] system is justifiable.

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CALAMITOUS EARTHUAKE

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE KILLED.

IN CENTRAL ASIA.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

Reuter's correspondent at ashkent, Russian Turkestan, telegraph that an earthquake on the 21st inst caused a great mountain slide.

The Bokharan town of Kaigh, 100 miles south-east of Samarcond is buried by the slide, and the bulk of inhabitants, numbering 15,000, perish. Some, including the Governor of the town, escaped.

SENSATIONAL FORGERY CASE.

RHODESIAN SPECULATIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 30.

John Ayling, a magistrate, a stepson of Mr. John Morley, Secretary of State for India, and a late partner of Cable and Company, of Edinburgh, has been remanded on a charge of having forged Mr. Morley's and Mr. W. Blaiki's names to two bills totalling £6000.

Ayling appeared before the police court with his throat bandaged, after an alleged attempt to commit suicide.

Ayling's liabilities are estimated at £40,000, and are said to be largely due to speculations in Rhodesia.

BLACK HAND REVENGE.

A MYSTERIOUS CRIME.

LONDON, Oct. 30.

The body of Grinaldi, an Italian youth, was found on the outskirts of Brooklyn pierced by nine daggers under his shirt.

A bomb with fuse attached, revolver, and a sharp knife were found in his overcoat.

The murder is supposed to have been the work of the Black Hand Italian Secret Society.

THE RAILWAY CRISIS.

MINISTER HOPEFUL OF PEACE.

LONDON, Oct. 30.

Mr. Lloyd-George, President of the Board of Trade, is hopeful that a peaceful settlement of the railway dispute will be effected.

Oct. 31.

Mr. Lloyd George, President of the Board of Trade, addressing the Welsh National Liberal Convention at Rhyl, Flintshire, appealed to the nation to support him in every fair step to prevent a railway strike.

MR. CHURCHILL'S AFRICAN TOUR.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

LONDON, Oct. 30.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, speaking at a banquet which was given in his honour at Mombassa, paid a high tribute to Mr. Chamberlain's services in respect to the tropical possessions of the Empire.

SAXON PRINCESS RESTORED.

RECONCILIATION REFUSED.

LONDON, Oct. 30.

Signora Toselli (Countess Montignoso, ex-Crown Princess of Saxony), has handed her daughter, the Princess Monica, now 4 years of age, whom the King of Saxony, the former husband of the Signora, acknowledges, to the Saxon Court.

The Signora attempted to interview her dying father, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, in order to effect a reconciliation, but was refused admittance.

FATHER TYRRELL'S POSITION.

EXCOMMUNICATION DENIED.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

The Right Rev. P. E. Amigo, Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark, explains that Father George Tyrrell, who criticised the Pope's encyclical on Modernism, is not excommunicated, as reported, but only deprived of the sacraments of the Church.

MONEY PANIC SUBSIDING.

AN ECHO IN CALIFORNIA.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

The California Safe Deposit and Trust Company has temporarily suspended payment. The company, which explains that not being a member of the Clearing House it is unable to take advantage of Clearing House certificates, is regarded as one of the strongest in San Francisco.

THE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

Lieutenant E. H. Shackleton, who is commander of the Antarctic expedition, is now at Marseilles. He will leave for Australia by the R.M.S. India to-morrow. Lieutenant Shackleton will lecture in Sydney on December 6. He is willing to lecture in Melbourne on December 3 if the public so desire.

FURTHER ADVANCE IN BANK RATE.

LONDON, Oct. 31, 10 p.m.

The Bank of England rate of discount for best three months' bills has been raised to 5½ per cent. from 5 per cent., to which it had been raised on Monday.

DOMESTIC SERVANTS FOR SYDNEY.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

The first contingent of domestic servants for Sydney has sailed by the steamer Miltiades, under the auspices of the New South Wales Government. Parties of about 50 domestic servants will follow fortnightly.

The director of the Intelligence Department states that the Agent-General has been authorised to send out servant girls of a good type up to 1000 in number. The passage money has been reduced to £2. The girls will be required to pay £2 in London for their passages, but on arrival here, and as soon as they obtain honest employment, the sum of £2 will be refunded so that they will have a little to start with in Australia. Mr. Anderson says there is opportunity for absorbing almost an unlimited number of girls of the proper type, and possibly 1000 per week could be provided with situations for some time to come. The local supply is absolutely inadequate and wages have gone up. Many inquiries have been received from the country districts, where domestic servants are particularly hard to secure. The Agent-General has been instructed to say that wages ranging from 10s to 12s per week, can be guaranteed. The 61 by the Miltiades are the first batch, and will be followed by others at short intervals.

INDIAN DANGER SIGNALS.

RESPECTABLE RIOTERS.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

The Government of Bengal has warned the Government of India that the situation might easily become very serious. There would be grave trouble, the Bengal Government states, if the example of respectable people, as in the case of the recent rioters who were incited by agitators, is imitated by the naturally turbulent classes.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, Sir A. H. Fraser, thinks it imperative that the Government should take power to stop violent speaking and writing, designed to bring constituted authority into contempt and encourage resistance of police.

FREETRADE IN BRITAIN.

EFFECT OF AUSTRALIAN TARIFF.

THE TORIES DILEMMA.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

Mr. H. H. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at Leven, said that what had transpired at the Colonial Conference and the Australian tariff had combined enormously to strengthen freetrade in Great Britain.

Mr. Asquith challenged the Tory leaders plainly to answer if in order to obtain colonial preference they were ready to tax foreign corn, meat, wood, and wool. If Mr. Balfour said "no" he would doom his authority with the party, and if he said "yes" he would doom the fortunes of his party. That was rather a sordid spectacle.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

RUSSIAN GIRL'S ADVENTURE.

LONDON, Oct. 30.

While in view of her chaperone, Barbara, the 18-year-old daughter of M. Lapoukhin, a former Director of Police in St. Petersburg, mysteriously disappeared outside Aldwych Theatre, London.

Her father was the prime mover in exposing the former Russian Government's connection with the organisation of pogroms.

Over 1000 detectives are searching for a clue.

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Mdlle. Lapoukhin voluntarily returned to her chaperone. No explanation of her disappearance has been vouchsafed.

BRITISH CHANNEL FERRY.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

M. Clemenceau, Premier of France, has promised the British Channel Ferry Company cordial support.

The Channel Ferry Company, whose capital has been subscribed by a powerful Anglo-French group, has been formed for the purpose of instituting a train ferry across the English Channel on the same principle as ferries which are in successful operation between the German mainland and Denmark, and on Lake Michigan, North America. It is estimated that the cost will be £1,000,000. Lord Weardale is chairman of the company.

AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPING TRADE.

GROWTH OF FOREIGN COMMERCE.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

Mr. C. H. Rason, Agent-General for Western Australia, addressing the Australian Chamber of Commerce, declared that Australia was developing trade with other British possessions and foreign countries. That trade already equalled and ultimately might exceed the magnitude and value of her trade with the United Kingdom.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES.

WON BY LAND LEAGUE.

LONDON, Oct. 30.

At the Newmarket Houghton October Meeting to-day the race for the principal event on the programme resulted as under:—

CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES, a handicap of 25 sovs each, 10 sovs ft., with 500 sovs added, and 100 sovs for the second; third to save stake. New Cambridgeshire course—last mile and a furlong of A.F.

Captain J. G. Homfray's b or br h Land League, by Desmond—Combine, 4 yrs., 7st 13lb 1

Mr. Geo. Faber's ch h Malua, by Marco—Harem, 4 yrs., 8st 5lb 2

Mr. W. Bass's b c Stick Up, by Collar—Wafer, 3 yrs., 6st 11lb 3

The entrants for the Cambridgeshire totalled 83, 29 of whom declared forfeit, and among the acceptors were such good horses as Polymelus, Velocity, Lally, Dinneford, Keystone II., Dean Swift, Slieve Gallion, Roseate Dawn, and Tirara, while this State was represented by Dalkeith, who was handicapped at 8st 4lb. The winner was bred by Lord Dunraven at the Adare stud, County Limerick, Ireland, and is by that very successful St. Simon sire Desmond, from Combine, by Carbine from Molly Morgan, by Morgan from Sissie, by Nuncham, and was purchased as a yearling by his present owner for 45gs. As a two-year-old Land League won a couple of nursery stakes, while last season he started a dozen times, and was not once out of a place, scoring on nine occasions, and winning £1124 in stakes.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

WOMANHOOD SUFFRAGE.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

A number of women severely heckled Mr. H. H. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. L. Harcourt, First Commissioner of Works, on the question of the female franchise, while they were addressing their constituents.

ATTEMPT TO BURN A CHURCH.

An attempt was made to burn Patcham Church, near Brighton, by means of paraffine oil and rags, but it failed.

RAILWAY COLLISION IN INDIA.

A goods train at Lahore collided with a passenger train. The drivers were killed, and 11 persons were injured.

NEW ZEALAND FOOTBALLERS.

The New Zealand footballers secured 3 goals 6 tries to St. Helen's 1 goal and 1 try. The game was fairly even the first half, but afterwards St. Helen's players were outclassed.

SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, was presented with the freedom of the city of Edinburgh yesterday.

FORMULAE OF PATENT MEDICINES.

Captain Collins, representing the Commonwealth of Australia in London, has announced that the Australian bill dealing with proprietary articles will provide for the compulsory disclosure of the formulae of patent medicines, except in special cases.

VLADIVOSTOCK SHELLED

RUSSIAN SAILORS MUTINY.

REBELS SPEEDILY VANQUISHED.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

The crew of the torpedo boat destroyer Skory at Vladivostock, incited by agitators, mutinied and hoisted the red flag. The destroyer steamed into the bay and opened fire on the town and troops ashore, whereupon a gunboat and three destroyers replied.

The 12th Artillery Regiment also turned its guns on the Skory, which was riddled with shells and beached. The agitators aboard the destroyer were killed and the mutineers were arrested.

Captain Kurasch, of the torpedo boat Revy, was killed, Lieutenant Vassiluff, of a destroyer, was seriously wounded, and Lieutenant Stoer, commander of the Skory, was killed. Some civilians also were killed.

MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S WAY.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, replying to a memorial by nearly 10,000 clergy relative to marriage with a deceased wife's sister, informed Lord Halifax, president of the English Church Union, that he was communicating the memorial to the other bishops. Personally he tried to act in the way which would best serve the highest interests of the Church and realm.

BLOCKED BY THE LORDS.

AN ARMY FOR WALES.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

In the course of his speech at the Welsh National Liberal Convention at Rhyl, Mr. Lloyd George declared that the power of veto possessed by the House of Lords blocked the road to paradise.

Mr. R. B. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, addressing the Convention, promised to create a Welsh Army Division, commanded by a general officer of their own.

All through the year the Welsh have shown inquietude at the delay of the Government in dealing with the question of the disestablishment of the Church in Wales, and they are little inclined to listen to the voice of the charmer, in the person of Mr. Lloyd George, the leading Welsh member, who advises yet a little more patience and all will be well. But hope deferred maketh the heart sick. This is the tone of the manifesto issued by the Welsh nonconformist bodies, who want to see a disestablishment bill passed through the Commons during the present Parliament. "For 40 years," writes the "Saturday Review," "they have been lavishing the treasures of nonconformist affection on the Liberal party; and this is what it has come to in 1907, that even Mr. Lloyd George advises them to put their pet project off. He invites them to join him in concentrating effort on a struggle with the Lords, another case of pouring water into a sieve, or ploughing the sands. But they stick to 'ecclesia delenda est,' and Mr. Lloyd George and the Government must fight the House of Lords themselves unless they are given what they want."

NEWCASTLE CREEP.

FIRE IN THE NEW WINNING MINE.

TROUBLE ANTICIPATED.

The Newcastle Chamber of Commerce wrote to the Minister for Mines, Mr. Perry, some days ago, urging that in the interests of life and property in Newcastle immediate steps should be taken to ascertain the cause of the recent creep, and also of the subsidence of last year, with the view to the adoption of effective measures to prevent a recurrence of the alarming and damaging visitation.

Mr. Perry referred the matter to Mr. Atkinson, Chief Inspector of Coal Mines, who reported that "beyond all doubt the recent creep and also that of last year were caused by the working of the 'Dirty Yard' and 'Borehole' seams, which underlie the affected area. It is not possible to apportion the amount of damage caused by the workings on each of the seams, nor to state definitely when the movement of the strata will cease."

Mr. Atkinson adds that no movement will take place to the east of a line corresponding with the eastern limit of the workings on the Borehole seam. He intends to make further investigations with a view to ascertain more exactly what has taken place in the old workings of the Borehole seam underlying the area recently affected, and, if possible, to suggest any steps which may be taken to minimise the effects of any further falls.

Mr. Humble, senior inspector, who was asked by Mr. Atkinson to make an inspection, reported on October 21 that he had that day inspected a part of the new Winning mine. Mr. Cowie accompanied him, and they saw first the main crosscut engine-road, along which the seam coal is hauled, and the sealing-off stoppings in Wilson's heading. Mr. Humble proceeds:—"In the lower part of the latter there is a deal of exudation from the fire area through the dirt stoppings, and it is very probable that more brick or concrete stoppings will have to be built ere long. At the testing pipe in No. 14 stoping the temperature is 96deg F., and the atmosphere issuing is smoky. A good current of air is flowing on the heading, and so far there is no danger to the deputy who inspects, but should the exudation become stronger, Mr. Cowie says he will see that the deputy shall approach No. 14 stopping only from the ocean side, and instead of travelling the whole length of heading on to the main crosscut, he can go as far as No. 14 and then retrace his steps, thus avoiding the worst part of the atmosphere. The temperature is slowly rising, and I am afraid there will be a deal of trouble with this fire. It is very difficult to prevent air getting to it, although some little step in this direction will be made if the dirt stoppings are 'faced up' with brick or concrete. As you know, the fumes are going direct to the return, and do not come in contact with any of the workmen. Messrs. Thomas and Cowie accompanied me down the north-east narrow bords to see the outskirts of the fall which occurred last week. Pieces of top band coal have fallen in the narrow bord since you visited on Thursday, but the roof, as a whole, was much quieter this morning than it was when we heard it last Thursday night. We travelled past Rennie's X cut and down to Hart's heading. Having to keep an appointment at the Coalfields office I left them at this point, they being desirous of getting down Hart's heading as far as they can. Two workmen are timbering the lower end of the narrow bord."

REFERENCE IN PARLIAMENT.

In the Legislative Assembly yesterday, Mr. EDDEN asked the Minister for Mines if he had received a report with reference to the creep at Newcastle containing a statement that a fire was burning in the New Winning mine, and had been burning for some time.

The MINISTER FOR MINES said that, as the Chief Inspector of Coalmines was otherwise engaged, he had asked Mr. Humble to make an examination. He believed that the report did mention something about a fire, but he had not had time to deal with it. He hoped to do so next day.

TEA FACTORY FOR SYDNEY

"BEST EQUIPPED IN THE WORLD."

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

Mr. Seymour P. Jeffrey, Sir Thomas Lipton's representative in India and Ceylon, is on his way to the eastern States by the R.M.S. Himalaya. He stated at Fremantle that, according to the Federal tariff, teas packed in Ceylon are subjected to a duty of a penny per pound. The duty may be regarded as prohibitive so far as firms packing tea in Colombo for the Australian market are concerned. The Liptons are going to erect a tea factory in Sydney, where teas received from India and Ceylon will be blended and packed. "The factory," he said, " will be the finest and best equipped in the world. The machinery will be of the latest, and some idea of its completeness can be judged from the fact that the tea in blending and packing will not be touched by hand."

STATE REVENUES.

STRIKING FIGURES.

FOUR MONTHS' INCREASE OVER 1906, £574,845.

The chief accountant of the Treasury (Mr. Boyce) has completed the revenue returns for the month of October, and for the four months ended October 31. The figures show that the State's unexampled prosperity has been maintained. During October, the net governmental revenue was £590,578, and the revenue from business undertakings £708,425, the total showing an increase of £184,062 over the corresponding month of 1906. For the four-monthly period ended October 31, the increase over that of last year was no less than £574,845.

The month's revenue from the railways and tramways shows an increase of £139,566. Next to this the largest increases are £60,103 from Commonwealth returns, and £19,700 from stamps. The largest decreases are £38,817 under the head "unclassified receipts," and £9639 in land tax.

The following are the details:—

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	Governmental.		Business Undertakings.	
	Gross.	Net.	Gross.	Net.
	£	£	£	£
For month of Oct., 1906 ..	572,727	560,972	557,561	553,969
Oct., 1907 ..	602,946	590,578	715,650	708,425
Increase ..	30,219	29,606	158,095	154,456
For Period. July to Oct., 1906 ...	2,106,598	2,065,764	1,041,657	1,020,916
July to Oct., 1907 ...	2,370,285	2,336,016	2,253,455	2,225,509
Increase ..	263,687	270,252	211,798	204,593

Net increase on the month, £184,062.

Net increase on the period, £574,845.

Comparative Statement of the Gross Consolidated Revenue of the State of New South Wales, received during October, 1906, and October, 1907, respectively, showing the decrease or increase under each head thereof; also total net revenue proper for same periods:—

Head of Revenue or Receipt.	October, 1906.	October, 1907.	Dec.	Inc.
	£	£	£	£
Revenue proper—				
Commonwealth returns	247,911	308,014	—	60,103
Stamps	66,505	86,205	—	19,700
Land tax	11,074	1,535	9,539	—
Income tax	3,682	2,244	1,438	—
Licenses	7,620	7,281	339	—
Land revenue	144,967	148,984	—	4,017
Pilotage, harbour dues, etc.	7,541	10,351	—	2,810
Agricultural colleges, etc.	79	172	—	93
Fees	28,167	16,450	1,717	—
Rents, exclusive of land	2,866	1,255	1,611	—
Fines and forfeitures	1,536	1,575	—	39
Miscell'ous services	5,304	4,821	483	—
Country towns W.S., interest	940	1,281	—	341
Country towns sewerage, interest	—	616	—	616
Superannuation Act	1,342	1,288	54	—
Water rights receipts	25	17	8	—
Church and school lands	109	114	—	5
Advances to Settlers' Board	3,177	—	3,177	—
Darling Harbour resumptions	4,283	3,961	322	—
Unclassified receipts	45,500	6,783	38,817	—
Total	572,727	602,946	—	—
Less refunds ...	11,755	12,368	—	—
Net	560,972	590,578	—	—
Business undertakings—				
Railways and tramways	461,769	601,335	—	139,566
Syd. Harbour Trust	26,079	27,572	—	1,493
Metrop. water rates	35,331	42,173	—	6,842
Metrop. sw'age rates	30,027	36,924	—	6,897
Hunter Dist. water rates	4,355	7,652	—	3,297
Total	557,561	715,656	—	—
Less refunds	3,592	7,231	—	—
Net	553,969	708,425	—	—
	—	—	57,506	245,819
Gross totals	1,130,288	1,318,602	—	188,314
Total net revenue and receipts proper	1,114,941	1,299,003	—	184,062

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The buoyant condition of the State finances is being well maintained. The revenue for October amounted to £692,391, an increase of £103,126 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The principal increases were:—Railways, £38,008; miscellaneous, £29,379; excise, £18,481; and Commonwealth balances, £16,074.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The revenue and expenditure returns for the September quarter show an aggregate increase of £178,000 upon the corresponding quarter last year. The augmentations were due mainly to railways, and the general prosperity reflected in revenue-producing departments. The quarter's receipts totalled £6000 more than one-fourth of the year's total estimated income, a position for which it would be difficult to find a parallel in periods so unproductive as the first quarter of the financial year. The expenditure was £700,000, or £89,000 less than the revenue, and an increase of £45,000 upon the outlay for the similar period last year.

RAINSTORM.

TRAVERSES NEW SOUTH WALES.

SHOWERS ALMOST GENERAL.

The rainstorm which traversed Victoria and South Australia entered New South Wales on Wednesday afternoon, and spread rapidly during the night.

The falls were chiefly light to moderate. The extreme north-western district and parts of the coast did not get any rain. By 9 o'clock on Thursday morning the rains had almost entirely ceased. The only inland places at that hour getting showers were Coolah and Glen Innes, though at a few coastal localities it was raining. Following on the thunder showers earlier in the week, crops and pastures in several districts will derive great benefit. Cloudy and threatening conditions prevailed in many localities yesterday.

Yesterday evening fresh southerly winds prevailed on the coast, and at Gabo Island they reached the force of a gale.

Mr. A. Noble, Government Meteorologist, in referring to the rainstorm, said it travelled very rapidly across New South Wales. It was monsoonal in character, and developed in the western part of Australia on Monday, and but for the influence of high winds along the coast, no doubt the rain records would have been heavier.

Among the rain records for the month were:—Kiandra 409 points, Bundarra 329, Tenterfield 302, Walcha 231, Armidale 237, Glen Innes 215, Tumbarumba and Carcoar 204, Gulgong 194, Blayney and Bendemeer 178, Walgett 173, Bingara 165, Nymagee 164, Yetman 159, Adaminaby 133, Adelong 132, Cootamundra 115, Albury and Junee 100. At Sydney the falls amounted to 59 points, Parramatta 11, Newcastle 29, Kiama 23, Bourke 49, Broken Hill 24, Hungerford 13, Cobar 17, Camden 17, Hay 33, Louth 11, Wentworth 24.

At Tumut 25 points fell on Sunday evening, and 158 on Monday evening during thunderstorms, in which hail also fell.

RAN IN THE FAMILY.

THREE CENTENARIAN MEMBERS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

There died at Cassidy's-road, near Warrnambool, on Friday, Mrs. William Coughlan, who had resided in the Western district for 55 years, and was 107 years of age. She and her husband arrived in Sydney from Ireland in 1838, and, after residing in Melbourne for nearly five years, went to the Western district. The family was long-lived, for Mrs. Coughlan's husband died aged 100 years, and her brother, the late Mr. Walsh, of Purnim, lived to the age of 102 years.

THE MAIL CONTRACT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

There yet remain one or two matters of detail to be settled before the new mail contract is signed. The Prime Minister, in the House of Representatives to-day, replying to Mr. Bowden, said that so far as he could judge to-morrow would be the earliest that he would be in a position to make an announcement regarding the new contract. He hoped, at any rate, that it would not be later than Tuesday.

Mr. Edwards asked whether Brisbane would be a port of call, and Mr. Deakin said that it was provided in the tender invitation that tenderers might have the widest scope for suggesting conditions which would be of service to Australia. That had been taken advantage of, and a large number of contingencies were under consideration.

It is stated that refrigerating accommodation to the extent of over 2000 tons will be provided in the nine steamers of 12,000 tons burden and 16 knots speed, which will have to be built.

To-day Sir James Mills had a conversation with the Postmaster-General on the subject of the contemplated All-Red mail route. The visitor's impression is that in view of the fact that a capital of £6,000,000 would be required the proposal is not likely to be carried out.

SCENE IN PARLIAMENT.

TWO MEMBERS "NAMED."

DEFYING THE CHAIR.

Another exciting scene took place in the Legislative Assembly in the early hours of this morning, which resulted in two members being removed from the Chamber, a third narrowly escaping a similar indignity. As the members were returning to their places after a division in committee on the Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill, the Premier, after awaiting a moment on reaching his seat, moved that progress be reported.

Mr. NIELSEN: A new clause can be moved. What sort of business is this?

The CHAIRMAN: Order. I call upon the hon. member to apologise.

Mr. NIELSEN: No; I won't apologise.

The CHAIRMAN: I call upon the hon. member——

Mr. NIELSEN: You are not going to gag hon. members in this way.

The CHAIRMAN: The hon. member must apologise.

Mr. NIELSEN: I will not apologise.

The CHAIRMAN: Sergeant, remove the hon. member.

The Sergeant-at-Arms traversed the floor of the House, and after speaking to Mr. Nielsen, they left the Chamber together, amid considerable disorder. During the demonstration Mr. Stuart-Robertson rose, and said he had to protest against the action of the Chairman in ordering the removal of Mr. Nielsen. "I am determined," he said, "not to be gagged by you or anybody else."

The CHAIRMAN: Order! I demand that the hon. member apologise.

Mr. STUART-ROBERTSON: I won't apologise. I ——.

The CHAIRMAN: Sergeant!

The Sergeant-at-Arms had not yet returned from conducting Mr. Nielsen from the Chamber, and another scene of disorder took place. Amid cheers and dissent, cries were heard of "Bring in the police!" "Throw them all out!"

The CHAIRMAN: I give the hon. member another chance. Will he apologise?

Mr. STUART-ROBERTSON: No; I won't! I belong to a race that never yielded—a race that will never be gagged by a——

At that point the Sergeant-at-Arms re-entered the Chamber.

The CHAIRMAN: Sergeant! The hon. member for Camperdown.

The Sergeant-at-Arms approached Mr. Stuart-Robertson, whereupon the latter rose with folded arms, and accompanied him from the Chamber, amid a further outburst of cheers and evidences of dissent.

Mr. McNEILL rose and commenced to protest.

The CHAIRMAN: Order! The hon. member must speak to the motion. While I'm in the chair I'm going to preserve order. I will not allow members to defy the chair. (Cheers.)

Mr. McNEILL: As a member of this committee, I claim the right to say a word on what has taken place. If the manner in which the Chairman has acted——

The CHAIRMAN: Order! Order—you must address the question!

Mr. M'NEILL: When he has dealt with a member who has made a special appeal.

The CHAIRMAN: Order! I will not call upon the hon. member again.

Mr. M'NEILL: We all realise that the chairman does'nt always catch the eye of—

The CHAIRMAN: Order! I order the hon. member to discontinue his speech. Will the hon. member be seated?

Mr. M'Neill resumed his seat, and the incident closed.

THE SHOOTING SENSATION.

ACCUSED'S VICTORIAN CAREER.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The man who fired six shots from his revolver at Sergeant Bennett in Sydney is said to be identical with a well-known criminal who has been known in Victoria under the names of James Barker, Charles Williams, Arthur Ford, and Michael M'Neill. Barker was discharged from Albury gaol in August, 1905, after 10 years' penal servitude for various offences of robbing and housebreaking. Immediately afterwards he was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment in Wangaratta gaol on three charges of obtaining money and goods by false pretences. He escaped from Wangaratta gaol, and after his recapture he received an additional sentence of 12 months, and was sent to Pentridge stockade. Upon his release from Pentridge on September 9, 1907, he was arrested on a charge of being illegally at large in Victoria. Mr. Cresswell, P.M., remanded him for a week, and he left the State, but returned in a few weeks to Lilydale, where it is alleged that he passed several valueless cheques, after paying into the local branch of the Colonial Bank a cheque for £2000 on a New South Wales bank. Since his disappearance from Lilydale he had not come under notice of the Victorian police until they heard of his sensational action in Sydney.

ONLY FOUR CROSS.

WELL-BEHAVED MELBOURNE BABIES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The creche for the children of ladies visiting the Australian Exhibition of Women's Work is meeting with excellent results. A numbered strap is fastened to the little one's arm or dress. These precautions obviate any risk of confusion, and no mother has so far complained at having been given the wrong infant. Seventy-eight children have been received, and matron and all three assistants stoutly maintain that of them all "only four have been cross." It is a wonderful testimonial for the Australian baby. Some of them, too, have been very tiny mites. One was but five weeks old.

The attendance at the Women's Work Exhibition to-day was by far the best since the opening day. In the evening the concert hall was filled to its utmost, owing to the great attractions offered by the performances of a choir of 1000 voices and the first appearance of the brass band. Other parts of the building were equally well patronised, and among the most popular places of interest is the section devoted to the hospital and medical work, and this includes creches. Arrangements have been made with the Victorian kindergarten by the committee of the Women's Work Exhibition, by which Miss Arnold, one of the principals of the Sydney Kindergarten Training College, will deliver a lecture on Saturday dealing with "The relation of kindergarten principles to all teaching."

TATTERSALL'S SWEEPS.

ACTION BY VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Application was made to-day to Mr. Justice Cussen that premises situated at 596, 598, and 600 Collins-street, Melbourne, and occupied by Mayne, Nickless, and Co., should be declared common gaming-houses in accordance with the provisions of the Lotteries, Betting, and Gaming Act of 1906. It was alleged that the premises were used as an agency for Tattersall's sweeps. On defendants undertaking to enter into a bond of £1000 that they would not permit the premises to be used in contravention of the Act the matter ended.

MR. JUDKINS TO RECUPERATE.

A SOUTH SEA TOUR.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

An appeal for funds to give Mr. W. H. Judkins a thorough rest and change has resulted in about £120 being raised. He intends to leave on an extended tour to the South Seas and New Zealand about the middle of next month. His heart is still very weak, though he expects to resume his social reform work early in the new year.

ACETYLENE GAS EXPLOSION.

KEMPSEY, Thursday.

A serious accident happened to Mr. H. Sinfield, dentist of this town. He went out to look at his acetylene gas generator and struck a match rather near it, when an explosion occurred, burning him badly about the face and hands.

NORTHERN TERRITORY TRANSFER.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The whole of last night's sitting in the Legislative Assembly was devoted to further debating the proposal for the transfer of the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth. Mr. Solomons, who represents the Territory, made a vigorous speech, in which he claimed that the Territory was rich in mineral and pastoral resources, and that South Australia was giving away her heritage. He moved an amendment to the motion providing for the connection of Oodnadatta and Pine creeks by railway within ten years. After the Minister had made a brief reply, the amendment was negatived, and the motion in favour of the transfer carried.

It is stated in political circles that the Government will experience difficulty in securing a majority in favour of the motion in the Legislative Council.

MELBOURNE CUP MEETING

CLASSIC EVENTS' ACCEPTANCES.

POSEIDON ADVANCING IN FAVOUR.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The final forfeits were declared to-day for the classic events on the card for the opening day of the V.R.C. Spring Meeting, and the following remain in:—

MARIBYRNONG PLATE OF 1500 SOVS, 5f.

Mr. E. E. D. Clarke's b f Kuban, by Bobadil—The Geisha.

Mr. J. V. Smith's ch f Mother Goose, by Wallace—Morisca.

Mr. W. Anderson's b c Lord Desmond, by Voyou—Black Rock.

Mr. Harvey Patterson's b f Pasquinade, by Simmer—Bonnette.

Mr. H. Power's b g Sequent, by Maltster—Sequel.

Mr. J. Turnbull's b or br f Mushka, by Orzil—Kettledrum.

Mr. G. L. Gardiner's b f Cassava, by Tapioca—Thunder Princess.

Mr. W. T. Nowlan's bl f The Black Dove, by Maltster—Grand Dove.

Mr. E. Frazer's br c Vavasor, by Grafton—Walkine.

Mr. W. Brown's b c Baw Bee, by Simile—Gland Bee Bee.

Mr. W. M. Keogh's ch f Ale, by Maltster—Wild Rose.

Mr. W. P. Crick's b c Borodino, by Simmer—May Moon.

Mr. J. W. Noud's br f Miss Bass, by Maltster—Conundrum.

Mr. F. Campbell's b f Antonina, by Sir Foote—Antonia.

VICTORIA DERBY OF 1500 SOVS, 1½m.

Mr. C. L. Macdonald's br f Lady Rylstone, by Grafton—Lady Trenton.

Mr. R. Crawford's br c Tangaroa, by Grafton—Walkine.

Mr. W. Leonard's b c Master Foote, by Sir Foote—Wigelmar.

Mr. A. J. Whiteley's ch c Goldmount, by Hymettus—Goldvein.

Mr. E. V. Goller's b c Mazarin, by Louis XIII.—Pirouette.

Mr. W. E. White's b c Welcome Trist, by Sir Tristram—Welcome Queenie.

Hon. A. Wynne's br c Peru, by Grafton—Silvercoin.

Mr. J. M'Donald's ch c Mountain King, by Wallace—Bonnie Rosette.

The final acceptances for the classic events, to be decided on the opening day of the V.R.C. Spring meeting indicate larger fields than took part in those races last year. When Maltine won the Maribyrnong Plate, 1906, she beat eight competitors, but on this occasion, should all go to the post, the field will number 14. This State is represented on the list by The Black Dove, Baw Bee, Vavasor, Ale, Borodino, Miss Bass, and Antonina, and the prospects of one of that select band capturing the valuable prize are pretty bright. The Newcastle colt, Baw Bee, whose half brother (by Haut Brion), Bee Bee, scored in 1903, has already given racegoers a taste of his quality by winning the Breeders' Plate at Randwick, and under 9st 5lb ran third to Kuban in the Gwyn Nursery at Caulfield, and his success on his native soil incurred a penalty of 10lb, which brings his weight to 9st 6lb. Miss Bass has earned a similar penalty by her victory in the Debutante Stakes at Caulfield; while Boradino ran third in the Breeders' Plate and Gimcrack Stakes. A promising filly is Antonina, who loses nothing from the fact that she is full sister to that good horse Antonious. The Victorian brigade includes the Bobadil filly Kuban, who under 8st 5lb carried Mr. E. E. D. Clarke's colours to the front in the Gwyn Nursery at Caulfield; Mother Goose, a half-sister (by Wallace) to Pius, who just missed the Mona Nursery at Caulfield, and which fell to the prowess of that speedy gelding Sequent (by Maister), who is also among the Victorian division, as is the stoutly-bred Mushka, a daughter of imported Orzil. South Australia is represented by Cassava, a daughter of Tapioca, and there will be a decided interstate flavour in the contest among the youngsters over the five furlongs straight at Flemington on Saturday.

Last year, when Poseidon won the Derby, there were six starters, but though there are eight acceptors on this occasion, our Melbourne correspondent states that Goldmount has been left in by an oversight, so that with seven starters, the field will be larger by a unit than that of 1906. As in the Maribyrnong Plate, this State will be well represented in the contest for the Victorian blue ribbon, and with the A.J.C. Derby winner (Mountain King), the runner-up (Welcome Trist), and Peru to measure strides with the Victorians, Master Foote, Mazarin, Tangaroa, and Lady Rylstone, a great battle may be anticipated; while it is not too much to expect that the coveted prize will be brought to this State.

SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Goldmount was left in the V.R.C. Derby to-day owing to an oversight.

The scratchings notified to-day in connection with the V.R.C. Spring Meeting are as under:—Coburg Stakes: Earl of Lygon. Cup Steeplechase: Gleneig. Victoria Steeplechase: Gleneig. All engagements: Carissima and Sokinsho. Oaks Stakes: Tittell Brune, Miss Maltster, Calypso filly, Ristori, and Flying Flag. Maiden Plate: Afton. Encourage Stakes: Walloon, Step Dancer, Kuban, Boboli, and Mother Goose. Flemington Stakes: Walloon and Step Dancer. Cup Hurdle: Rieka.

Apologue was a shade easier to-night in the betting market on the Melbourne Cup; but Mountain King, Poseidon, and Tartan were well backed. The following is the order in which the horses are fancied:—

Apologue.
Mountain King and Poseidon.
Tartan and Mooltan.
Welcome Trist.
Dyed Garments.
Spinaway.
Mira and Master Foote.
Bendigo, Tulkeroo, Lady Diffidence, and Melodrama.

WATERSIDE WORKERS.

ADVANCE IN WAGES.

TWOPENCE AN HOUR EXTRA FOR OVERTIME.

Mr. S. T. Harrison, the secretary of the Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union, announced at the meeting of the Sydney Labour Council last night that members of this union would, from to-day, receive an advance of 2d per hour in the overtime rates.

Subsequently Mr. Harrison explained that this satisfactory arrangement had been arrived at at a conference in Melbourne held between the Waterside Workers' Federation (of which the Sydney Wharf Labourers form a part) and the Interstate Steamship Owners' Federation. The Waterside Workers' Federation claimed an extra 2d per hour on the overtime rates worked in the interstate trade, and was successful.

"This advance," he added, "is practically an advance of 4d per hour on our industrial award. The Court set down our wages for overtime at 1s 4d. We then met in conference, and got an advance of 2d, besides several other concessions. Now, the result of this last conference between the Federation of Waterside Workers and Steamship Owners' Association gives us another 2d, which makes this overtime 1s 8d an hour as from November 1."

MR. BENT'S DISLOYAL FOLLOWERS.

GOVERNMENT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

PREMIER CONSIDERING HIS POSITION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The sitting of the Legislative Assembly to-day was brought to a sudden and dramatic termination, the Premier intimating, after the Government had narrowly escaped defeat on an amendment moved by Mr. Watt in the Estimates affecting the Agent-General's office, that he intended to consider his position in the House. Mr. Watt had moved for the reduction of £500 in the vote for the Agent-General's staff and officers, and the proposed amendment was negatived, after a long debate, by 21 votes to 17. The minority was made up of members of the Opposition and four members from the Government cross-benches. A large number of Government supporters were absent. Upon the result of the division being announced Mr. Watt said he would accept the decision, and would not move any amendment with respect to the increase of the Agent-General's salary.

Mr. Bent said he would ask Mr. Watt not to forbear in any action he might wish to take. If he was to be treated as he had been on this vote he would like to know the position. He was not going to be talked at like a marauder. (Laughter.) After he had been to London and done all that he did, was this the way he was to be treated and to be talked at? It was too much. For God's sake let Mr. Watt go over to the Opposition benches. He would rather have Mr. Prendergast behind him twenty times over than Mr. Watt. He was not going to be put in the position he had been placed in by the division. If they objected to his action, why did they not get up and censure him right off? Because a few members happened to be away, advantage was taken of it. He would move that progress be reported, and he would take the opportunity before the House met again to consider his position with regard to the House.

Mr. Watt denied that he had taken advantage of the condition of the House to place the Government in a difficulty. He had no idea the Government was so placed.

Progress was reported, and the House immediately adjourned.

Mr. Bent subsequently stated that the matter would be considered by the Cabinet to-morrow. He was tired of the way several members of the Ministerial party had been voting. The position was not worth it. He felt very much inclined to take it seriously.

Other Ministers, however, do not regard the matter so seriously as Mr. Bent.

Mr. Prendergast, leader of the Opposition, said he was not inclined to look for any serious outcome so far as the Ministry was concerned.

POPULATION OF THE STATE

NINE MONTHS' INCREASE, 36,450.

LARGE GAIN FROM VICTORIA.

The quarterly estimate of population by the Bureau of Statistics shows that during the three months ended September 30 last the population maintained the exceptionally high rate of increase which has been in operation since the beginning of the year. The population on the date mentioned was 1,567,434, of whom 840,864 were males, and 726,570 females. The total increase during the quarter was 12,181, of which 6385 was due to excess of births over deaths, and 5796 to excess of arrivals over departures. The excess of arrivals was considerably higher than in the September quarter of any of the last five years, but the excess of births was lower than in either of the two last years owing to the largely increased number of deaths.

September Quarter.	Excess of Births.	Excess of Arrivals.		
		By Sea.	By Land.	
1903	5150	1600	(—) 720	930
1904	6335	2782	(—) 72	2710
1905	6576	2473	353	2826
1906	6750	2777	815	3592
1907	6385	4991	805	5796

The increase during the quarter was at the rate of 3.1 per cent. per annum. Already in the nine months since the beginning of this year the increase to the population has been 36,450, which is larger than the increase in the whole of the years 1905 or 1906, and much larger than the increases in any of the years 1892 to 1904. The increases in each quarter of 1907 were as follows:—

Quarter ending	Excess of Births.	Excess of Arrivals.	Total Increase.
March 31	6,275	6,112	12,387
June 30	6,588	5,294	11,882
September 30	6,385	5,796	12,181
Total (9 months)	19,248	17,202	36,450

As usual, the largest gain has been from the other States and New Zealand. From the other States there was a net gain of 3580, and from New Zealand 801, leaving only 1415 as the gain from abroad. The excess of arrivals from Victoria was 1378; from Queensland, 276; from South Australia, 1555; from Western Australia, 252; and from Tasmania, 119. The gain from the United Kingdom was 1070, including 687 assisted immigrants. To Canada there was a loss of 417, and from South Africa a gain of 391.

The above estimate is preliminary, and subject to slight alteration. Included therein are 4287 aborigines of full-blood, of whom 2451 are males and 1836 females.

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION DURING THE QUARTER.

Country.	Arrivals from.	Departures to.	Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
Sea—			
Other States of the Commonwealth:			
Victoria	5,262	3,741	1,521
Queensland	5,090	4,660	431
South Australia	944	482	462
Western Australia	566	314	252
Tasmania	809	690	119
Total	12,701	9,926	2,775
Other countries:			
New Zealand	3,830	3,038	801
United Kingdom	1,772	702	1,070
Canada	338	755	(-) 417
South Africa	524	123	391
Other British Possessions	531	427	104
China	170	140	30
Japan	66	89	(-) 23
United States of America	11	8	3
Other foreign countries	1,076	828	248
Total	8,336	6,120	2,216
Total by sea	21,037	16,046	4,991
Land—			
Victoria	15,996	16,139	(-) 143
Queensland	9,717	9,862	(-) 145
South Australia	9,158	8,065	1,093
Total by land	34,871	34,066	805
Total by land and sea	55,908	50,112	5,796

Chinese: Arrivals, 103; departures, 129.

MILITARY MOTORING.

COMMANDANT'S BIG SCHEME.

PROJECTED TEST AT THE ENCAMPMENT.

The monthly meeting of the Automobile Club of Australia was held last evening at the rooms in Elizabeth-street. Mr. Jones, president, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance.

After 10 new members had been elected, a long discussion took place over a letter received from Brigadier-General Gordon, in which it was suggested that the club members should form a military corps in connection with the forthcoming encampment. Two proposals emanating from the State Commandant were that each member should at least rank as a lieutenant, and those possessing the necessary skill and knowledge in military matters should rank as captains or majors, according to their training. General Gordon, in his communication, proposed that an allowance of 12s 6d a day be made to each lieutenant or captain, and 15s a day to each major. Chauffeurs would be allowed 6s a day travelling expenses. He also agreed to make an allowance of 4d a mile to owners of two-seated cars, and 6d a mile to those using four or more seated vehicles.

Although many of the members present at last night's meeting were in favour of accepting General Gordon's proposals, it was ultimately agreed to invite the military commandant to a meeting of the club at an early date, so that all details in connection with the proposal might be thoroughly discussed. Each member who agrees to the proposals will bind himself to serve at least four days in the 12 months.

The next meeting of the club will take place on November 14, when the prizes won at recent events will be presented.

THE NEW DUTIES.

LAST NIGHT'S DECISIONS.

FODDER FREE.

The House of Representatives last night agreed to the undermentioned items in the tariff:—

Hay and chaff, free.
Straw, 1s per cwt.
Honey, jams, and jellies, including calves-foot, but not meat jellies, general tariff 2d per lb, preferential 1½d.
Hops, 6d per lb.
Linseed, 2s per cental.
Linseed for manufacture of oil and cake under departmental bylaws, free.
Linseed meal, 4s per cental.
Arrowroot, macaroni, and vermicelli, ½d per lb.
Malt, including granulated maize and rice malts, and roasted terrified barley, 6s per cental.
Malt extract, non-spirituous, including peptonised malt extract, 2d per lb.
Matches and vestas of all kinds (a) in boxes containing 100 or less of matches or vestas, general tariff 1s per gross of boxes, preferential duty 6d per gross; (b) in boxes containing over 100 but not exceeding 200, general tariff 2s, preferential 1s; (c) for each additional 100 or portion of 100, general tariff 1s, preferential 6d.
Meats, poultry and game, (a) fresh or smoked, general tariff 2d per lb, preferential 1d per lb; (b) potted or concentrated, including extracts of and meat jellies; 25 per cent. ad valorem; (c) preserved in tins or other airtight vessel, including weight of liquid jellies, 1½d per lb; (d) soup in tins, in airtight vessels, 1½d per lb; (e) n.e.i., 5s per cwt.
Preserved by cold process, 2d per lb.
Bacon and hams, partly or wholly cured, 3d per lb.
Sausage casings, free.
Mustard seed, ½d per lb.
Mustard, including French mustard, 3d.
Nuts, edible; (a) coconnuts, whole, 1s per cwt; (b) prepared, 2d per lb; c. almonds, unshelled, 2d per lb; (c) almonds, unshelled, 2d per lb; (d) almond kernels, 4d per lb; (e) n.e.i., whole or prepared, 2d per lb; (f) almond paste and meal, 4d per lb.
Copra, free.
Anatto, free.
Isinglass (a), in sheets, free; (b) n.e.i., 10 per cent. ad valorem.
Pickles, sauces, chutney, olives, and capers (a), quarter-pints and smaller sizes, per doz 7½d, preferential 6d; (b) half-pints 1s 3d, preferential 1s; (c) pints 2s 6d, preferential 2s; (d) quarts 5s, preferential 4s; (e) exceeding a quart 1s 8d, preferential 1s 4d per gal.; (f) curry, manufactured 35 per cent., preferential 25 per cent.; soy for sauces, free.
Seed, canary, hemp, and rape, 1s 9d per cental.
Seed (cotton), 4s per cental.
Seed (cotton), for manufacture cotton seed cake and denaturated cotton seed oil, free.
Spices, (a) unground, n.e.i., 2d per lb; (b) ground, n.e.i., 3d per lb.
Sparklets, for aerated waters, free.
Tea, (a) in packets not exceeding 20lb in weight, 1d per lb; (b) n.e.i., free.

THE COAL CRISIS.

DEADLOCK REACHED.

FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE.

MINERS' COMMITTEE MEET ON SATURDAY.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The conference which opened yesterday between the proprietors and miners with great hopes of resulting in conciliation terminated to-day in deadlock. According to the spokesmen on both sides further deliberation in conference is impossible, as all points in dispute were thoroughly thrashed out in argument. The miners are certainly dissatisfied and disappointed with the result of the conference, and their attitude as presented by the miners' president (Mr. P. Bowling) is apparently one of poignant regret at the point blank refusal of any concession by the proprietors. It can't be said at the present juncture whether a crisis will be precipitated into a general strike, although the situation may develop in this way. The colliery proprietors were also to all appearances disappointed at the fruitless results of the conference, and it was very plainly evident that they do not desire any further conference with the miners. Several of the proprietors when spoken to this afternoon, said emphatically that no other conference on matters already discussed will be granted. The position taken up by the proprietors was certainly one of firmness, accentuated probably by the conviction that at previous conferences, and notably that of last year, they gave away in concessions more than was at first imagined in order to obviate a general strike. There were four main points enumerated below, under discussion, in the form of miners' demands, and on none of these points did the proprietors concede a single jot. The harbour is full of oversea sailing ships and steamers. There were over 70 foreign-going vessels in port to-day, and on the expected list no fewer than 200, a fact which makes the prospect of a strike only too forbidding.

ACTION BY THE MINERS.

The committee of management of the Colliery Employees' Federation has arranged to meet at the Trades Hall next Saturday, when a decision will be arrived at regarding future line of operations. The question is whether the result of the conference will be conveyed to the various lodges of the district—the usual course—or whether special meetings of lodges will be called, as in urgent cases, such as the present may be deemed. In the latter case delegates would be sent to address the meetings and explain the position to the men. The finances of the federation are not believed to be in that robust state which would stand the strain of a strike of any duration, but experience of the past shows that money is not the chief desideratum in determining on an action of this kind. If the miners determine to fight, such consideration may not therefore stand in the way of an extreme course.

THE PROPRIETORS' VIEW.

The position as explained by the proprietors is simply that no concessions can be granted to the miners, and beyond the offer of 1d rise in the hewing rate they cannot go. They are determined to allow no interference in fixing the price of coal, and they are prepared to answer for their action in refusing to raise it beyond 11s per ton. One of the proprietors, speaking to-day, said the latest advices showed weakness of prices in foreign markets. On being asked if the price of coal could not be raised for interstate trade and allowed to remain at 11s so as to compete in foreign markets, he replied that this course could not be followed. It was out of the question, he said, and besides the Commonwealth Government might impose an export tax, as in England.

THE CONFERENCE.

PROPRIETORS STAND FIRM.

MINERS' DEMANDS REFUSED.

The conference between the colliery proprietors of the northern district coalfields and representatives of the miners was resumed in the offices of the associated proprietors, Watt-street, this morning. Mr. F. Livingstone Learmonth again presided. The Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association was represented by Messrs. F. Livingstone Learmonth (chairman), H. Forsyth, Isaac Chapman, H. F. Chilcott, F. J. Doddimeads, F. W. Newman, and C. F. Earp, M.L.C.; and the miners by Messrs. Dowling and Lewis (district officers) and other members of the committee of management. Of those present at yesterday's sitting two proprietors (Mr. John Brown and Mr. J. Wheeler) and one of the miners' representatives (Mr. James Curley) were absent from to-day's deliberations. The conference concluded at the dinner hour, when the representatives of the press were informed that the official statement of the proceedings held in camera would be drawn up by both parties conjointly. This was afterwards handed to the press as an official resume of the work of the conference. In regard to two of the matters—that of the hewing rate and the Burwood-Lambton B yardage rate—the salient points of this discussion were outlined in yesterday's "Herald."

The text of the official report is given below, and shows clearly enough that the demands of the miners were rejected seriatim by the proprietors, although in regard to the Burwood yardage rates a compromise was effected. From what has transpired it is known that the conference was conducted in a generally amicable spirit, although at certain stages the under strata of hostility came suddenly to the surface; but this was quite natural in the circumstances, both parties knowing full well the significance of the issues. From remarks which fell from representatives of both parties the meeting ended somewhat abruptly and amidst considerable tension of feeling, but it was also apparent that each party considered it had exhausted all resources of conciliation in its power, and that no further advance could be made, even if the discussion was prolonged. The fact is, therefore, very apparent, that a deadlock has been reached—a deadlock which may have most serious consequences to Newcastle in the very near future.

The reports of the two days' conference are as follows:—

BURWOOD YARDAGE RATES.

The matter of the Burwood and Lambton yardage rates was first discussed. Some little time ago a conference was held between the district officers and the sub-committee of the proprietors with a view to arriving at an agreement with regard to the rates to be paid for yardage work at those collieries, and after due consideration had been given to the question an agreement was drawn out, and signed by both parties. It now transpires that the men consider that the terms of the agreement operate against them in some degree; and also that advantage was taken by the manager to alter the existing conditions of working, and thus reduce the yardage rates, with the result that they gave 14 days' notice of their intention to terminate the agreement. These notices expired on Saturday last, and the collieries have been idle in those sections affected by the agreement. At to-day's conference, after considerable discussion, it was finally arranged that a sub-committee from both sides should be appointed to reopen the question, and endeavour to arrive at some arrangement which would be satisfactory to both sides. This committee will sit in conference at an early date, when it is hoped that the difficulty will be overcome.

With regard to another Burwood matter, that of the proposed reinstatement of the secretary of the Burwood Lodge, it was arranged that if he apply for work at the colliery he will be reinstated as a miner. The district officers maintain that Mr. Wilson (the secretary) has been unjustly treated, but the management repudiates any act of injustice whatever.

THE HEWING RATE.

Discussion was next centred on the hewing rate to be paid to the miners next year, which has all along been the chief question at issue. The request made by the miners was for an increase of 3d per ton in the hewing rate, to commence from January 2, 1908. The matter was discussed at great length, the representatives of the miners taking as their strongest argument in favour of the increase the facts that at the present time demand for coal was greater than it had ever been before, and that the f.o.b. price of Newcastle-on-Tyne coals at present ranged from 15s to 16s per ton; also that of the Welsh coals from 17s to 19s 6d per ton. It was pointed out by the proprietors that whilst these prices were certainly very high it did not follow that Newcastle district coal could be sold in foreign markets at the same rate, because while the ruling freights from the Tyne to the West Coast of South America were only from 15s to 17s per ton, the freight from Newcastle was in the vicinity of 24s and 25s per ton. Taking the cost of coal, therefore, together with the freight it showed that the English coals could be landed on the West Coast at less price than the Newcastle coal even at 11s per ton. As regards the Welsh coals at 19s per ton, it was pointed out that these had never yet come into competition with Newcastle coal, because the Welsh was superior to the local product, and it was used principally if not altogether for naval supplies.

It was also pointed out that American coals from Pocahontas were coming into serious competition with Newcastle coal, inasmuch as that even now American mines had captured the Panama trade, and were pushing their coal into Honolulu. Taking these things into consideration, the proprietors, when they fix the price of coal at 11s per ton, not only act upon their own initiative, but upon sound advice they had from time to time received from their advisers in London, who w

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touch with all the principal markets of the world. The proprietors, if they could have raised the price to 12s per ton, would have gladly done so, but in view of advice to the contrary they considered it would be an unwise step to take. However, they were of opinion they could maintain the price at 11s per ton. It was also stated that it was impossible for coal from these districts to be sold at 12s a ton when coal from the South Coast and Lithgow mines was being sold at 8s per ton, and even considerably less.

PAYMENT FOR SMALL COAL.

This matter was subjected to long discussion, the miners' representatives claiming they should be paid 1s a ton for this coal, instead of ½d, as now paid. They pointed out the disparity between the price received by the miners and the price realised for small coal in the port of Newcastle, and that the price of round coal was fixed entirely independent of slack at a time when slack had no market value. Now that it had a market value, the miners desired a share of it. The proprietors argued that in making the agreement of 1888 and 1893 the hewing rate then conceded embraced payment for small coal, because small coal was at the time of the agreement a marketable commodity. When these arguments were entered into it was only natural to suppose that both sides had taken this matter into consideration, and if payment for small coal on a higher basis had been then demanded, the rate for hewing best round coal would not have been so high as was fixed at the time. The district officers contended that the proprietors in conferences, and at a local deputation held in '88 and '93 stated that small coal would be a source of expense, and not profit, to them, and in proof pointed to vast heaps of small coal which lay above the ground at that time, and which the proprietors, as they had no market for it, stated that they could not afford to pay any more for than they were doing; consequently the idea that in discussing the price in '88 and '93 the value of small coal was taken into consideration was an erroneous one, because all the proprietors held that it was of no value to them, but only a source of expense.

THE 1888 AGREEMENT.

The question of the 1888 agreement was also brought before the proprietors by the district officers, who pointed out the grounds on which they made that demand, and referred to the reason of the introduction of other agreements being made by pressure. The proprietors refused to substitute the 1888 agreement, as it affected the minimum height of seam and the refuse scale, stating that they considered the 1893 agreement was in existence, and could not be abrogated.

EIGHT-HOURS DAY.

Another matter brought before the conference was that in relation to the granting of a general working day of eight hours from bank to bank. However, as this had not previously been brought before the proprietors, and had not received any consideration, it was decided that the matter should remain in abeyance until such time as it had been brought before a full meeting of proprietors for their consideration.

HEBBURN SITUATION.

The situation at Hebburn was brought before the proprietors by the district officers, but the chairman ruled that as it was sub judice the question could not be discussed. The district officers differed from the chairman, inasmuch as they considered that the attitude taken by the A. A. Company in throwing idle a great part of the colliery in no way concerned with the dispute was not a just one.

This concluded the business, and the conference ended.

STATEMENT BY MINERS' PRESIDENT.

"FORCE WILL BE MET WITH FORCE."

Mr. Peter Bowling, on being interviewed at the close of the conference, said:—"The result of the conference so far as the committee of management is concerned has been more than disappointing, and we recognise that the attitude of the proprietors, while outwardly disclosing nothing harsh in speech and no hostility so far as words are concerned, throughout the whole length of the conference was unyielding, and in our opinion, seems to court something like a crisis.

"So far as the future is concerned, it would appear that force may probably be met with force. How far we are prepared to go in that direction is a matter for future consideration."

THE NEW LABOUR LEADER

RESTRICTED POWERS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

It is understood that Mr. Fisher, the new leader of the Labour party, will not be permitted to exercise the same power as that enjoyed by Mr. Watson, and that, in fact, he will be little more than chairman of the party. The caucus, it is stated, agreed that the new leader will take his instructions from the party in meeting assembled, and that, in the event of the possibility, at some future date, of a formation of a Labour Government, the caucus will select the Prime Minister, and allot the other portfolios.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW ISSUE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Postmaster-General was presented with an extensive report by the committee appointed to report on the new uniform stamp issue. The issue of one series of postal notes is recommended, the difficulty over apportioning the revenue between the States being met by ascertaining during a period of three years the mean revenue derived by each State from sales, also the average annual increase, and by apportioning to each State in the subsequent years the ascertained mean revenue, plus the share of the increase.

The committee was not in favour of the proposal for a distinctive mark for each State on the ground that as the new issue will not be available for two years, and as the bookkeeping period may terminate shortly after, it is not thought desirable to incur additional expense.

That the issue should be the best that art, skill, machinery, and the latest appliances can produce is strongly advised. All stamps are to be printed from steel plates. The returns from sales to philatelists will amount, according to an estimate, to £40,000 the first year, and £20,000 annually afterwards. This will compensate for the increased cost.

The following suggestions are made by the committee:—Denomination of stamps should be ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 9d, 10d, 1s, 2s, 2s 6d, 5s, 10s, 20s, 40s. From ½d to 9d should constitute one group, from 10d to 2s 6d another, and from 5s to 40s the third. Growinggroup shrdluh 5s to 40s the third group. Different colours for each are suggested, as well as different sizes. Competitive designs should be called for throughout the world. An aggregate of £600 should be awarded in six separate prizes of £100 each, to be paid unconditionally for each of the designs selected, whether used or not. The designs and estimates should be also obtained from four leading engraving firms, who will not be competitors; that they should be paid £100 each for one set of six designs for stamps, and also a design for postal notes. The following firms are suggested:—Bradbury, Wilkinson, and Co., Waterloo and Sons, the American Bank Note Engraving Co., and Perkins, Bacon, and Co. One issue of postage due stamps is also recommended, together with uniform postal notes.

The recommendation is made that the printing should be all done in one office in order to permit of better supervision, and to avoid any variations.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S CHALLENGE CUP.

INTERSTATE YACHT RACING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In pursuance of a promise made during the interstate yachting races last January, the Governor-General has presented a handsome challenge cup to be competed for annually by yachts from clubs of the States of the Commonwealth. As he will be in residence in Melbourne during the summer, the flag-officers and members of the Royal Yacht Club have been asked to conduct the contest, and they have consented to do so. Future contests will be held in the waters of the State to which the winning vessel belongs.

Entries from all yacht clubs are invited by Lord Northcote, under these conditions:—1. The race to be held on Saturday, February 8, 1908, for yachts not exceeding seven metres, over a triangular course of about 15 knots, arranged as nearly as possible to test the yachts on all points of sailing.

2. The race to be under the rules of the British Yacht Racing Association, save as modified; crews to be amateurs, and members of recognised yacht clubs. The rule as to scantlings and fittings will not be enforced.

3. Yacht clubs desiring to compete, to send an entry form direct to the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, on or before December 31, 1907, together with £2 2s, to provide a trophy for the winning yacht-owner.

4. The club measurer's certificate to be deposited with the sailing committee not less than 14 days prior to the race, but the committee shall have full discretion to check the measurements at any time.

The cup is a handsome trophy, valued at 50 guineas. The Royal Yacht Club intends to [illegible] a second prize of 10 guineas for the first [illegible]test.

VISITING MARKSMEN.

BATHURST V GREAT BRITAIN.

BATHURST, Thursday.

Some of the British riflemen and the New Zealand team, with William Cutler, arrived this afternoon, and met with an enthusiastic reception. The railway station platform was crowded, while thousands of people thronged the streets. Brigadier-General Gordon, accompanied by Colonel Irving, also arrived to attend the complimentary smoke concert tendered to the visitors. The visitors were received at the station by Major MacHattie and Captain Pringle. The military and school cadets were paraded in the street, and inspected by Brigadier-General Gordon. A procession was formed, headed by the district band, and marched to the Town Hall. The rifle teams were in drags.

William Cutler was chaired through the streets. At the Town Hall both teams were formally welcomed by the Mayor (Alderman E. T. Webb), who expressed the hope that all would have an enjoyable time.

Major Richardson, on behalf of the British team, and Captain Masefield, for New Zealand, acknowledged the compliment.

The Mayor then welcomed William Cutler back to his native city, and congratulated him on his success in England, and subsequently in Sydney in winning The King's.

The visitors were to-night entertained at a smoke concert presided over by the Mayor.

A triangular match will be shot to-morrow morning between a British, New Zealand, and Bathurst teams. The Bathurst team comprises eight natives of the city. The afternoon will be spent in a visit to a sheep-shearing shed. On Saturday a hare and wallaby drive has been arranged for Rock Forest.

The teams for to-morrow are:—

British.—Major Richardson, Colonel Cown, Warrant-officer Raven, Armourer-sergeants Martin and M'Haffie, Sergeants Tatlow and Ommundsen, Lance-corporal Fulton.

New Zealand.—Captain Masefield, Messrs. Craw, Cameron, Ayson, Hadfield, Willie, Perrin, Duncan.

Bathurst.—W. Cutler, A. Cutler, E. Cutler, B. Cutler, S. A. Kefford, A. Kefford, H. Hansard, E. G. Webb.

George Douglas represents the National Rifle Association.

WELCOMED TO VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Several members of the English team of riflemen arrived to-day, and were welcomed at the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Weedon, M.L.A.). Amongst those present were the Minister for Defence (Mr. Ewing), and Colonel Stanley, State Commandant.

The Lord Mayor proposed the health of the visitors, coupled with the name of their commandant (Colonel Hopton). He was pleased to see the team in Melbourne, for their visit would not only cement the good feeling which existed, but would tend to draw still tighter the silken cords which bound the old country and her dependencies together. He hoped this would be the forerunner, it not of annual visits, at any rate of as frequent visits as possible.

The Minister for Defence, in supporting the toast, said the Englishmen would find two things here. They would get a fair field (as in every other part of the Empire) and no favour. They would find here plenty of willingness to learn in ingenuity and experience, but there would be no jealousy, for Australians knew that if trophies were being taken from the children's home they were going to the home of the mother. (Cheers.) Englishmen would find that we had a good deal to learn, and would learn it, but he advised them if they saw any information lying about to take it. He hoped every time the best team would win. (Cheers.)

Colonel Hopton said they had lost their big match in Sydney, but if by coming from England they had advanced the cause of rifle shooting only a little they would be satisfied. (Hear, hear.)

Portion of the British team, comprising Colonel Hopton, Captain Langford Lloyd, Lieutenant E. L. Parnell, Sergeant-Major Wallingford, Armourer-sergeant Lawrence, Armourer-sergeant Comber, Q.M.S. Fraser, and Private Robinson, left for Hamilton to-night, and will shoot against a local team to-morrow.

THE RAINFALL.

The following were the records for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. on Thursday:—

	Points.		Points.
Adaminaby	32	Junee	60
Adelong	35	Katoomba	10
Albury	47	Kempsey	2
Araluen	1	Kiama	10
Armidale	12	Kiandra	136
Balranald	15	Kunopia	30
Barmedman	20	Kurrajong	1
Barraba	25	Louth	10
Barringun	35	Manilla	20
Bateman's Bay	24	Marsdens	27
Bathurst	14	Menindie	3
Bega	24	Merriwa	23
Bemboka	7	Michelago	12
Bendemeer	62	Millie	24
Bingara	44	Mogil	44
Blackheath	12	Molong	58
Blayney	61	Morangarell	24
Bodalla	45	Moree	41
Boggabilla	13	Moruya Heads	17
Bombala	60	Mossgiel	9
Booligal	11	Moss Vale	20
Bourke	11	Moulamein	19
Bowral	2	Mount Hope	24
Brewarrina	23	Mount Victoria	9
Broken Hill	13	Mudgee	38
Bundarra	41	Mungindi	10
Bundella	20	Murrumburrah	53
Burragate	84	Murrurundi	23
Burrowa	35	Muswellbrook	23
Byrock	23	Narrabri	66
Camden	5	Narrandera	23
Camden Haven	3	Narromine	14
Candelo	50	Nimitybelle	52
Carcoar	102	Nundle	44
Carinda	28	Nymagee	23
Carrathool	24	Nyngan	22
Cassilis	24	Orange	80
Cobbadah	65	Pambula	65
Collarenebri	20	Parkes	28
Condobolin	10	Pericoe	80
Coolah	38	Picton	9
Coolamon	61	Pilliga	23
Cooma	25	Pooncarie	13
Coonabarabran	27	Port Macquarie	3
Coonamble	35	Quambone	24
Cootamundra	63	Queanbeyan	26
Cowra	32	Quirindi	44
Corowa	46	Rocky Hall	94
Cudgellico	23	Rockley	28
Dandaloo	28	Scone	16
Delegate	60	Seal Rocks	7
Deniliquin	23	Singleton	4
Dubbo	14	Tamworth	30
Euabalong	7	Taralga	31
Eden	92	Tarcutta	82
Emmaville	11	Temora	40
Enngonia	40	Tilpa	2
Euston	10	Tocumwal	28
Forbes	48	Toothdale	53
Gabo Island	80	Trangie	24
Germanton	86	Towamba	102
Gilgandra	18	Tumbarumba	85
Girilambone	35	Tumut	52
Glen Innes	5	Ulladulla	19
Gongolgon	25	Urana	30
Goodooga	41	Wagga Wagga	73
Goulburn	14	Walcha	40
Green Cape	112	Walgett	32
Grenfell	30	Warialda	24
Gulgong	74	Warren	11
Gunnedah	13	Wee Waa	39
Gunning	41	Wellington	11
Hay	39	Wentworth	10
Henty	61	Wilcannia	13
Hill End	65	Wollongong	1
Hillston	13	Wyalong	26
Hungerford	6	Yambulla	80
Ivanhoe	5	Yass	22
Inverell	16	Yetman	10
Jerilderie	28	Young	30
Jerry's Plains	6		
Jervis Bay	5		

BLAYNEY.—After threatening all day on Wednesday, good soaking rain fell at night, 61 points being registered, making 113 for the week to date. The country round here is looking well.

BOMBALA.—Splendid rain fell here last night, about 50 points being registered. The townspeople were getting very short of drinking water, and the fall has half-filled the tanks. The outlook for crops is very bad.

COOMA.—Further showers of rain fell on Wednesday night, 30 points being registered, which will help the grass a little, and provide some water for household purposes.

FORBES.—On Wednesday welcome general rain fell, 48 points being recorded. Most of the late crops will be considerably benefited, and are expected to realise up to six bushels. The weather is cool, but cloudy, with every hope of a further fall.

GULGONG.—Nice showers fell on Wednesday, which, with Sunday's showers, have freshened everything. The country is looking quite green, and farmers are a little more hopeful.

GUYRA.—Fifty points of rain fell on Wednesday night.

HARDEN.—Splendid rain fell on Wednesday night, registering 57 points. At Garangula 126 points have been registered for the week.

JUNEE.—Wednesday's rains did an immense amount of good. The crops have been saved, and are now estimated at from six to eight bushels.

LAWSON.—As a result of thunderstorms 28 points were registered on Tuesday evening and 4 points on Wednesday evening, making a total of 72 points for October.

LEADVILLE.—Scattered showers fell over the district, up to 75 points, which will benefit landholders to a small extent. Grass and water are exceedingly scarce, and the wheat crops a decided failure.

LOCKHART.—Thirty-three points of rain fell last night. More is wanted to save the crops.

PEAK HILL.—Thirty-six points of rain were registered on Wednesday night. The crops must prove a failure if further rain does not fall immediately.

TUMBARUMBA.—About 5 p.m. on Wednesday a severe thunderstorm passed over the district, 85 points being registered. A steady downpour continued well into the evening.

YASS.—Heavy rain fell for a time on Wednesday night, 50 points being registered. The rain was accompanied by heavy wind. The storm is too late to assist the grain crops, although this with a further fall should benefit the hay acreage.

THE GREAT MORNING DRINK.

"MIGHTY ALOK" clears the Head and regulates the Liver.

"Usual" or "Extra Bitter."

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THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The President took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

NAVAL POLICY.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL informed Senator Pearce (W.A.) that reports had been received from Commander Colquhoun and Engineer-Commander Clarkson on the proposed scheme of naval defence, and various classes of vessels that might be utilised, but as the information was confidential, it could not be disclosed. It was the intention of the Government to deal with the matter this session.

WHITE LABOUR ON CANEFIELDS.

Senator CHATAWAY (Q.) asked if the attention of the Government had been drawn to statements from various sources as to trouble with white labourers on the canefields. Was the Government prepared to have a full and exhaustive inquiry made into the allegations?

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said that the Government's attention had not been drawn to the matter. Inquiry was not considered necessary.

EXCISE PROCEDURE BILL.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved the third reading.

Senator NEILD (N.S.W.) in moving for the recommittal of two clauses of the bill, said that if it left the Chamber in its present form it could only be characterised by well-wishers of the Commonwealth as discreditable to the Commonwealth, and a serious reflection on the Chamber which adopted it. It was denounced by the association of workers upon which it professed to confer benefits. Clause 4, which dealt with the appointment of assessors, left the matter purely in the hands of the President of the Court, and they might be merely his creatures. Talk of the old Biblical proposition of the son asking bread of his father and being given a stone; what was this that was being offered to the workers of Australia? Assessors to be selected——

Senator GUTHRIE: By a Judge of the High Court.

Senator NEILD: Not necessarily. Assessors to be selected by the President, and directed what they should do. If that commended itself to the comprehension of any person who fancied himself intelligent, then God help his intelligence.

Senator TRENWITH: That might be the case even with the hon. member. (Laughter.)

Senator NEILD: There had been no luncheon to-day, and this was no time for hilarity. (Laughter.) In subsection 2 it was stated that one assessor should be nominated by the applicant for exemption from excise, the other to be nominated in the interests of employers in such manner as the President should direct. The President was to be the "high cockalorum" of the whole affair. Section 5 said that no party should be represented by counsel or solicitors, except by the consent of all parties, and by the leave of the President—again the President. Whoever heard of the President of the Court being empowered to limit the right of suppliant to be represented. Clause 9 was outrageous. It said that any person who refused to answer any question was to be liable to a penalty of £100. The bill was a transparent subterfuge on the part of the Government to dodge their responsibilities so that they might scramble or sneak into recess, and have another six months' tenure of office without endeavouring to collect excise.

Senator W. RUSSELL (S.A.) said that the Government should have taken up the matter of excise before, seeing that they had everything now in favour of the manufacturers, instead of the workmen. He hoped the Government would carry out the powers conferred by the bill, if they did carry out its principles, and some of the other Acts he accused the Government of neglecting. They would not get much support from him more than he was pledged to give. He wanted the Government to understand that they would have to toe the mark. Unless they did it seemed to him they were playing with politics, and making use of the Labour party, and giving nothing in return.

Senator DOBSON (Tas.) urged that the bill should stay in committee until the judgment of Justice Higgins was obtained.

The motion for the recommittal was negatived on the voices, and the bill was read the third time.

LINOTYPE OPERATORS' CLASSIFICATION.

The debate was resumed on Senator Needham's motion, that in the opinion of this Senate the officers and all competent operators employed on Commonwealth linotype machines, who have served a period of 12 months and over on those machines, should be placed on the classified list of Civil Servants of the Commonwealth.

The motion was negatived by 12 votes to 7.

COMMONWEALTH MAIL STEAMERS.

The debate was resumed on the motion of Senator HENDERSON (W.A.),—"That this Senate is of opinion that in the best interests of the Commonwealth, the Government should purchase and control a fleet of mail steamers, capable of maintaining a fortnightly mail service between Australia and Great Britain," to which an amendment was moved to add,—"Such steamers to be constructed so as to be suitable for defence purposes as fast cruisers."

The debate was further adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Senate adjourned at 10.15 p.m. till the following morning.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 2 o'clock.

THE BOUNTIES BILL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, in reply to Mr. Bamford (Q.), said that the amendments made by the Senate in the Bounties Bill would be considered as soon as possible, but it was not advisable to interrupt the tariff discussion. The Government regarded the Anti-trust Bill and the Excise Procedure Bill as more important measures than the Bounties Bill.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

The PRIME MINISTER, in reply to Dr. Carty Salmon, said that as soon as the fiscal question had been disposed of a bill for the appointment of a High Commissioner would be submitted.

PARLIAMENT ON CUP DAY.

The PRIME MINISTER, in reply to Mr. O'Malley (Tas.) said that to delay consideration of the tariff even for a few hours would be such a serious procedure that the Government was disinclined to adjourn the afternoon sitting on Tuesday next—Melbourne Cup Day. The House would, therefore, meet as usual.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

The PRIME MINISTER, in reply to Mr. Crouch, who asked that representatives of Australia should be chosen by popular election, said that the late conference widened the representation so as to include Ministers generally whenever questions affecting their departments were under consideration. The next conference summoned upon the same principle would assemble four years hence. It would rest with the Commonwealth Government of that period to submit its proposals for any change in the constitution of the conference which it might desire. These, if approved, would of course be subject to ratification by the Parliaments of the United Kingdom and the Dominions.

NEW RABBIT DISEASE.

The MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS, in reply to Mr. Chanter, said it was intended to make inquiries regarding the attempt by a New South Wales sheepbreeder to surreptitiously introduce a new rabbit disease into Australia, and the papers would be placed before Parliament. The name of the sheepbreeder has not so far been ascertained.

EXCISE PROCEDURE BILL.

This bill was received from the Senate, and read the first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House, at 12.30 a.m. Friday, adjourned until 10.30 the same morning.

WESTERN GOLD MINE.

INDIGNANT SHAREHOLDERS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The indignation of shareholders in the Wheel Ellen Gold-mining Company, a Western Australian venture, was aroused some weeks ago, when the manager reported by telegram that the crosscut from the shaft had reached the winzes sunk by the vendors, and not a colour of gold was showing. The directors at once suspended operations at the mine.

A meeting of shareholders to discuss the position of the company was held to-day.

Mr. Alexander Dick, chairman of directors, said that a gentleman came to Melbourne from Perth and brought several specimens with him, and on the strength of those specimens and reports they tumbled over each other to get shares.

Mr. A. Phillips, solicitor, stated that he had looked into the facts of the case. The gentlemen who brought the specimens was alleged to have said that "one of the richest specimens came from the bottom or near the bottom of the winze." According to the manager, that stone could not have come from near the bottom of the winze.

Mr. Staughton said: Even if shareholders would not subscribe, he would put the money up himself to proceed further in this matter.

It was decided that full power be left in the hands of the directors to act as they may deem advisable.

THE TARIFF.

CONSIDERATION IN PARLIAMENT.

THE FODDER DUTIES.

RAVAGES OF THE DROUGHT.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

After the disposal of formal business this afternoon the House of Representatives resolved itself into a committee of ways and means to further consider the tariff schedule, the item under review being

Hay and chaff, 1s per cwt., former tariff 1s. Recommendation of Tariff Commission, 1s. Imports last year 895cwt; duty paid, £39.

An amendment had been moved on the previous day by Mr. Thomas Brown to place hay and chaff on the free list, and a further amendment had been foreshadowed by Mr. McWilliams to suspend the proposed duty for 12 months.

The TREASURER in replying to criticisms advanced by many members at a previous sitting as to the inadvisability of imposing duties on fodder during the prevalence of a severe drought, said that the matter was too absurd to waste time about. (Great dissent.) He quoted columns of figures showing the importations into New South Wales from the other States, as well as from abroad during the years 1901, 1902, and 1903. He declined to forego the duty.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK: It means that the people are letting sheep die rather than pay the high prices. (Hear, hear.)

The TREASURER said that there was nothing in that question. The point was that the other States supplied those in need.

Mr. PAGE: Nonsense. Why a deputation waited on Mr. Kingston some years ago and asked him to take off the duties. (Cheers.)

The TREASURER: They were of course all sorry for the unfortunate people in parts of New South Wales and Queensland, but he had been told by a farmer from Tasmania the previous night that the season there had been the best experienced. The people of South Australia and Western Australia had also been favoured with fine seasons, and in parts of Victoria the season had been good. The figures he had quoted showed that the greater part of the imports into New South Wales during the time of the last drought came from the other States.

Mr. FULLER (N.S.W.) said that while many of the members of the House were exerting their energies to the utmost to encourage the manufacturers on the Yarra's banks they were absolutely callous when the interests of the primary producers were at stake—(Opposition cheers)—and yet the very existence of these manufacturers depended upon the success of our primary industries. (Hear, hear.) A ring had been formed in New South Wales and Victoria, and had imposed extravagant rates for fodder on the unfortunate people. The merchants in Sussex-street during the previous drought had made huge profits in this way. He could assure members that in the Illawarra district which he represented, the prices of fodder were so high that farmers preferred to let their stock die. He read articles in the "On the Land" column of the "Sydney Morning Herald" to show the terrible condition of the Camden and South Coast districts.

Mr. HUTCHISON (S.A.) said that no evidence had been adduced that the other States could not supply the demand for fodder. He was tired of this hypocritical sentimentalism. (Dissent.) The duty was a mere bagatelle. No sympathy was shown by the Opposition towards the miners, who were hardly able to earn a livelihood.

Mr. FULLER: Why, you are engaged all your time in clapping duties on these unfortunate miners. (Laughter.)

Mr. HUTCHISON: Exactly, and for their benefit. (Laughter.) The farmers and others were only under a slight stress.

Mr. PAGE: It means life or death to thousands. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. JOSEPH COOK (N.S.W.) said that the answer to the assertion that there was ample fodder in Australia to keep all stock alive was furnished by Mr. Coghlan, who showed that within two years in New South Wales 20 million sheep perished.

Mr. WATSON: And sheep died in New South Wales when there were no fodder duties. (Ministerial cheers.)

Mr. JOSEPH COOK said that a time of national disaster was not the proper time to pile on duties. (Hear, hear.) He would support the suspension of the duty for 12 months.

Mr. CHANTER (N.S.W.) foreshadowed another amendment to the effect that the proposed duty should be suspended for six months. No one, he said, could deny the seriousness of the drought, for not only pastoralists but also farmers themselves, were suffering. (Hear, hear.) Chaff had been cornered, and he would like to strike a blow at that corner. (Hear, hear.) Even grass had been cornered, for land had been leased at 30s per acre for half a year. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. ATKINSON (Tas.) said he would vote for the duty.

Mr. SPENCE (N.S.W.) said that the demand for fodder was not created until there was a universal drought. Pastoralists had struggled so severely on the occasion of the last drought, by first of all losing their savings in buying fodder, and then by losing all their sheep in the end, that hand-feeding was not likely to be resorted to again. Of course stock and dairy cattle had to be fed. He thought the best way out of the difficulty was to admit hay and chaff free. (Hear, hear.) If that was impossible, he would vote for the suspension of the duty. (Hear, hear.)

The TREASURER said that the largest number of sheep owned in New South Wales was 62 millions, in 1891. This number was reduced by the year 1894 to 56 millions; by 1898 to 41 millions; and by the year 1899 to 36 millions. Within the period mentioned, therefore, the number of sheep had been reduced by 26 millions in New South Wales, and during the whole of that time there were no duties, and pastoralists and others could purchase anywhere. The absence of duties had not had the effect of saving stock.

AN AMUSING INCIDENT.

The TREASURER, continuing, said that there was a provision in the Customs Act under which the Executive had power to suspend any duty; but what Ministry, he asked, would take that step, when at the present moment four of the States did not want duties removed, reduced, or suspended. An any rate, there was this provision in the Customs Act——

Mr. REID: You are reading from the Western Australian Act. (Laughter.)

The TREASURER (confidently): No; I am quoting from the Commonwealth Act.

Mr. REID: Well, there is no such section as that quoted by you in the Commonwealth Act. (Loud laughter.)

The TREASURER (scanning the title-page): I am afraid I am making a mistake. (Uproarious laughter.) This book was given to me as the Commonwealth Act, anyhow. (Renewed laughter.) I am glad that the leader of the Opposition has corrected me. (Laughter.)

Mr. GLYNN (S.A.) said that to suspend the duty until a certain date was tantamount to giving notice of an unintended duty, which was opposed to all Customs administration. (Hear, hear.) He urged that the duty should be wiped out.

Mr. FOSTER (N.S.W.) said that, although he admitted that the drought was a very serious matter, it was not wise that they should go into hysterics over the misfortune of New South Wales. He intended to vote for the duty proposed.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Q.) urged the suspension of the proposed duty.

Mr. PAGE (Q.) said that, while the House was considering the interests of manufacturers, some attention ought to be given to the primary producers. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. PALMER (Vic.) said he would vote for the duty, but intended at a later stage to endeavour to induce the committee to adopt the proviso, "Provided that when the wholesale value rises about £6 per ton at the chief ports of entry in any State, duty shall be remitted.".

Mr. HANS IRVINE (Vic.) thought that the duty should be inoperative for 12 months. Sheep were being sold at one shilling per head, while adulterated chaff had advanced in the Melbourne market to £7 per ton. He was a protectionist, but this was certainly not a protectionist proposal.

The TREASURER: You are a splendid free-trader. (Laughter.)

Mr. STORER (Tas.) said that a duty of £1 per ton would not make any difference one way or the other.

Mr. REID (N.S.W.) said it was a melancholy fact that primary industries very rarely got any benefit from these protectionist duties, which, as far as they were concerned, were dead letters. The removal of the duty would in no way affect farmers who produced chaff and hay, because they had an advantage of 100 per cent. on normal prices. The committee had now an opportunity of showing a certain amount of practical sympathy with a great struggling industry. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. FAIRBAIRN (Vic.) thought that the suspension of the duty for 12 months would be a fair compromise.

Mr. SALMON (Vic.) said that the appeal for mercy had been made too early.

Mr. FULLER (N.S.W.) regretted that the Government failed to realise the seriousness of the situation, and that the Treasurer did not sympathise with the unfortunate people.

The TREASURER: I sympathise with them more than you do.

Mr. WYNNE (Vic.) said that we were on the eve of one of the worst droughts ever experienced in Australia. The statement of Dr. Carty Salmon that there was a sufficient supply of fodder here for 12 months was not correct. It was not a protectionist duty at all, and it would be just as reasonable to place duties on coal or wool as on chaff. (Hear, hear.) He would vote for the suspension of the duty for 12 months.

Mr. THOMAS BROWN (N.S.W.), in replying, said that the effects of the drought were intensified by the rabbit and grasshopper pests.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.—FODDER FREE.

The amendment of Mr. M'Williams to suspend the duty for 12 months was negatived, on division, by 25 votes to 23, the voting being:—

AYES.

Archer	Hedges	Sinclair
Bowden	Hughes	Spence
Carr	Irvine, Hans	Thomas
Catts	Knox	Thomson, Dugald
Cook, Joseph	M'Williams	Webster
Fuller	Page	Wynne
Fysh, Sir Philip	Palmer	Brown, Thomas
Hall	Reid	

NOES.

Atkinson	Forrest, Sir John	Salmon
Bamford	Glynn	Sampson
Batchelor	Groom	Storrer
Chanter	Hutchison	Thomson, John
Chapman	Lyne, Sir Wm.	Watkins
Cook, Hume	Maloney	Watson
Coon	Mauger	Wise
Deakin	Poynton	Brown, Tilley
Ewing		

The amendment by Mr. Chanter to suspend the duty for six months—until May 31, 1908—was defeated on division by 33 votes to 9.

The amendment by Mr. Thomas Brown to place hay and chaff on the free list was carried on division by 24 votes to 20, the voting being:—

AYES.

Archer	Glynn	Reid
Bowden	Hedges	Sinclair
Carr	Irvine, Hans	Spence
Catts	Liddell	Thomson, Dugald
Chanter	O'Malley	Webster
Cook, Joseph	Page	Wynne
Edwards	Palmer	Brown, Tilley
Fuller	Poynton	Brown, Thomas

NOES.

Atkinson	Fisher	Sampson
Batchelor	Forrest, Sir John	Storrer
Chapman	Fysh, Sir Philip	Thomson
Cook, Hume	Groom	Tudor
Coon	Hutchison	Watkins
Deakin	Lyne, Sir Wm.	Watson
Ewing	Mauger	

Pairs.—For: Thomas, Foxton, Kelly, Bruce Smith, Johnson, M'Williams, Frazer, Wilks, Willis, Hughes, Fairbairn, Hall.

Against: Bamford, Wilson, Kingston, Sir John Quick, Harper, Maloney, M'Dougall, Foster, Wise, Matthews, Salmon, Crouch.

RAPID PROGRESS.

Straw, 1s per cwt; recommendations of Tariff Commission: Free. Imports last year, 3cwt.

The item was passed on the voices without debate, many members being unaware that the question had been put.

Herbs, dried (not medicinal), 4d per lb; former duty, nil. Recommendation of Tariff Commission: Protectionist section, 4d; freetrade section, no alteration recommended.

This item having been included by amendment in item 61, was withdrawn from the schedule.

Honey, jams, and jellies, including calves-foot, but not meat jellies, 2d per lb; former duty, 1½d. Recommendations of Tariff Committee: Protectionist section, 1½d; freetrade section, no alteration recommended. Imports last year, £381,747; duty paid, £2453.

Mr WILKS (N.S.W.) moved as an amendment the reduction of the duty to 1½d.

The TREASURER said he would accept the amendment if it referred only to the manufactures of the United Kingdom.

The item as amended—general tariff 2d, preferential 1½d—was agreed to on the voices.

Hops, 6d per lb; former duty, 6d. Recommendations of Tariff Commission: Protectionist section, 6d; freetrade section, no alteration recommended. Imports last year, 1,412,569lb; duty paid, £35450.

Mr. STORRER asked the Treasurer to increase this duty. (Laughter.)

The item was agreed to on the voices without amendment.

Linseed, 2s per cental; former duty, 2s. Recommendations of tariff Commission: Protectionist section, 2s; Freetrade section, no alteration recommended. Imports last year, 10,563 centals; duty paid, £1098.

Linseed for the manufacture of oil and cake under departmental bylaws, free. Recommendation of Tariff Commission: Free.

Linseed meal, 4s per cental; former duty, 4s. Recommendations of Tariff Commission: Protectionist section, 4s; Freetrade section, no alteration recommended. Imports last year, 54 centals; duty paid, £10.

All these items were agreed to on the voices without debate.

PRODUCTS OF THE ISLANDS.

Arrowroot, macaroni, and vermicelli, 1d per lb., former duty 1d per lb. Recommendations of Tariff Commission: Protectionist section, arrowroot ½d, others 1d; freetrade section, no alteration recommended. Imports last year, 288,984lb; duty paid, £1249.

Mr. POYNTON (S.A.) asked the Treasurer to reduce the duty on arrowroot to ½d, which was the former rate. He believed that arrowroot was grown in the New Hebrides, where the Presbyterian Mission had spent £100,000 in the work of civilisation. A duty was imposed on the products of British settlers as well as on goods grown by the mission, while arrowroot grown by French settlers was allowed into French possessions duty free.

The TREASURER, in agreeing to accept the amendment of ½d on arrowroot said that the Prime Minister intended to deal with the subject of the New Hebrides at an early date, and the question of preference to that group of islands and to Canada and New Zealand would be considered at the same time.

The item as amended was then agreed to on the voices.

Malt, including granulated maize and rice, malts, and roasted—torrified barley 6s per cental, previous duty 6s. Recommendations of Tariff Commission, 6/. Imports last year, 68,973 centals; duty paid, £29,619.

Mr. FAIRBAIRN suggested that the Treasurer should increase the duty.

The item was agreed to on the voices.

Malt extract, non-spirituous, including peptonised malt extract, 3d per lb; former duty, 2d. Recommendations of Tariff Commission, 2d. Imports last year, 117,014lb; duty paid, £988.

The item was agreed to on the voices without debate.

THE MATCH DUTIES.

Matches and vestas of all kinds (a) in boxes containing 100 or less of matches or vestas, 1s 9d per gross of boxes; preferential duty on goods of the United Kingdom, 1s 6d. Former duty, 6d. Recommendations of Tariff Commission: Protectionist section, 1s 6d, and so on; freetrade section, 6d.

Mr. DUGALD THOMSON (N.S.W.) moved as an amendment that the general duty be reduced to 9d, and notified that if he were successful he would at a later stage seek to fix the preferential duty at 6d. There was, he said, no justification for trebling the old duty. He had been informed that the output of local factories was limited by an arrangement with English firms, and therefore whatever duty was imposed there would be no increase in local production.

Dr. LIDDELL (N.S.W.) quoted from a medical work to show that match-makers were liable to disease. It was not an industry that was desirable for establishment here.

Mr. TUDOR (Vic.) said the disease of phossy jaw was unknown in Australia. He favoured the absolute prohibition of the sweated labour products of other countries.

After further debate,

The Treasurer accepted the general duty of 1s, and preferential duty of 6d.

(b.) In boxes containing over 100, but not exceeding 200, 3s 6d per gross of boxes, preferential duty on goods manufactured in the United Kingdom 3s, former duty 1s, and so on. Recommendations of the Tariff Commission: Protectionist section, 1s 6d, and so on; freetrade section, 1s, and so on.

The TREASURER moved that the duties be general 2s, and preferential 1s.

The alteration was agreed to.

(c) For each additional 100 or portion of 100 matches or vestas per box, an additional duty 1s 9d per gross of boxes; preferential duty on goods from the United Kingdom, 1s 6d; former duty, 1s, and so on. Recommendations of the Tariff Commission: Protectionist section, 1s 6d and so on; freetrade section, 1s and so on.

The TREASURER moved that the duties should be: General, 1s; preferential, 6d. The alteration was agreed to.

Meats, poultry, and game:—(a) Fresh or smoked, 2d per lb; former duty, 1d. Recommendations of Tariff Commission, 1d. Imports last year, 1042lb; duty paid, £8.

Mr. J. COOK (N.S.W.) moved that the general duty, which was 2d, should be reduced to 1d.

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. J. COOK moved for a preferential duty of 1d.

The amendment was agreed to.

(B) Potted or concentrated, including extracts of and meat jellies, 25 per cent. ad valorem; former duty, 20 per cent.; recommendations of Tariff Commission, 20 per cent. Imports last year, £32,904; duty paid, £6338.

Mr. J. COOK moved for 20 per cent. general tariff.

The motion was negatived by 27 votes to 16.

Mr. J. COOK moved for 20 per cent. preference duty.

The amendment was negatived by 24 votes to 13, and sub-section B was agreed to without alteration.

(C) Preserved in tins and other air-tight vessels, including the weight of liquid jellies, 1½d per lb; former duty, 1½d. Recommendations of Tariff Commission, 1½d. Imports last year, 401,318lb; duty paid, £2834.

Mr. J. COOK moved for 20 per cent. instead of 1½d.

The motion was negatived, and the item was agreed to.

(D) Soup in tins—air-tight vessels, 1½d per lb. Former duty, 20 per cent. Recommendations of Tariff Commission, 20 per cent.

(E) N.E.I., 5s per cwt.; former duty, 5s. Recommendations of Tariff Commission, 5s.

These subsections were passed, an amendment by Mr. J. Cook to make soup 20 per cent. being negatived.

(f) Preserved by cold process, 2d per lb former duty: meats free, poultry and game 1d per lb. Recommendation of Tariff Commission, free.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK moved that the item be omitted.

The amendment was negatived on division, and the item as proposed was agreed to.

Bacon and hams, partly or wholly cured, 3d per lb, previous duty 3d. Recommendations of Tariff Commission, 3d.

The item was agreed to on the voices without debate.

Sausage casings, 2d per lb; former duty, free. Recommendations of Tariff Commission: Free.

Mr. GLYNN (S.A.) moved the omission of the duty.

The amendment was agreed to on division by 22 votes to 19.

Milk (including cream). This item was postponed.

Mustard seed, ½d per lb; former duty, free. Recommendations of Tariff Commission: Free. The item was agreed to.

Mustard, including French mustard, 3d per lb; former duty, 2d. Recommendations of Tariff Commission, 2d.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK moved the reduction of the duty to twopence.

The amendment was defeated, and the item was agreed to.

Nuts, edible, viz.:—

(a.) Coconauts, whole 1s per cwt., former duty 1s. Recommendation of Tariff Commission, 1s. Imports last year 5229cwt.; duty paid, £262.

(b.) Coconauts, prepared, 2d per lb, former duty 2d. Recommendation of Tariff Commission, 2d.

(c.) Almonds, unshelled, 2d per lb, former duty 2d. Recommendations of Tariff Commission: Protectionist section, 2d; freetrade section, 1d; almonds, kernels, 4d per lb, former duty 2d. Recommendations of Tariff Commission: Protectionist section, 4d; freetrade section, 2d.

(d) Almond kernels, 4d per lb, previous tariff 2d.

(e.) N.e.i. Whole or prepared, 2d per lb, former duty 2d. Recommendations of Tariff Commission: Protection section, nuts, edible, in shell, 1d, other 2d; freetrade section, nuts, edible, in shell, other than coconauts, 1d per lb; n.e.i., whole or prepared, 2d. Imports last year, 2,056,320lb.

(f.) Almond paste and meal per lb. General tariff, 4d per lb, previous tariff 2d. Recommendation of Tariff Commission: Protectionist section, 4d; freetrade, 2d. Imports last year included in (e).

Copra, free.

These items were agreed to.

Oilmen's stores postponed.

Anatto free.

Isinglass (a) in sheets, free; (b) n.e.i. General tariff, ad valorem, 15 per cent.; previous tariff, free. Recommendation of Tariff Commission, free. Imports last year, 50,183lb.

Rennet, liquid, dry, or in tablets, free.

Pickles, sauces, chutney, olives, and capers:—(a) Quarter-pints and smaller sizes, general tariff, per dozen, 7½d, preferential 6d, previous tariff 6d; (b) half-pints and over quarter-pints, general tariff, per dozen, 1s 3d, preferential 1s, previous tariff 1s; (c) pints and over half-pints, general tariff, per dozen, 2s 6d, preferential 2s, previous tariff 2s; (d) quarts and over pints, general tariff, per dozen, 5s, preferential 4s, previous tariff 4s; (e) exceeding a quart, general tariff, per gallon, 1s 8d, preferential 1s 4d, previous tariff 1s 4d; (f) curry manufactured, whether paste or powder, general tariff, ad val. 35 per cent., preferential 25 per cent., previous tariff, paste 15 per cent., powder 4d lb; (g) soy, for sauces, in packages containing over 10 gallons, may be delivered free, as prescribed by departmental bylaws, previous tariff, 1s 4d gallon. Recommendations of Tariff Commission, protectionist section, (a) to (f) 25 per cent., (g) free, when in packages not less than 2 gallons; freetrade section, 15 per cent. (a) to (g). Imports last year: (a) 47,837 dozen, (b) 188,249 dozen, (c) 70,023 dozen, (d) 5863 dozen, (e) 26,764 gallons, (f) included in spices, (g) included in (e). Duty paid: (a) £1218, (b) £9566, (c) £7459, (d) £1276, (e) £1838.

These items were agreed to.

Rice and saltpetre postponed.

Seed, canary, hemp and rape, general tariff, per cental, 1s 6d, previous tariff 1s 6d, recommendations of Tariff Commission, 1s 6d; imports last year, 68,595 centals; duty paid, £4656.

Seed (cotton), general tariff 4s per cental, previous tariff 4s, recommendations of Tariff Commission 4s.

Seed (cotton), for manufacture of cotton-seed cake and denaturated cotton seed oil, may be delivered free.

These items were agreed to.

Soap was postponed.

Spices (a) unground, n.e.i., general tariff, 2d per lb; previous tariff, 2d per lb; (b), ground, n.e.i., general tariff, 4d per lb; previous tariff, 4d.

Sparklets for aerated waters, free.

These items were agreed to.

Starch and dextrine and starch flour were postponed.

THE TEA DUTIES.

Tea (a) in packets not exceeding 20lb in weight,; general tariff, 1d per lb; previous tariff, free. Recommendation Tariff Commission: Protectionist section, packets not exceeding 10lb, 1d per lb; freetrade, free. Imports last year, 29,478,614lb; duty paid, nil.

Mr. POYNTON (S.A.) moved the omission of the duty.

The amendment was negatived on division by 24 votes to 10, the minority being Fisher, Poynton, Sinclair, Joseph Cook, Bowden, Fuller, Archer, Liddell, Dugald Thomson, and Tilley Brown. Pairs: For amendment, Kelly, Johnson, M'Williams, Willis, Thomas, Reid, Hughes, Bruce Smith, Sir P. Fysh, and Thomas Brown.

Mr. HUTCHISON (S.A.) moved,—"That the importation of tea in packets under 10lb weight be prohibited."

The amendment was ruled out of order, and the item was passed,

(b) N.e.i., free.

The item was agreed to on the voices.

Progress was reported at 12.30 a.m. Friday.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

SYDNEY MUSEUM CURIOS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the House of Representatives yesterday, Mr. BOWDEN asked the Treasurer whether he was aware that the Trustees of the Sydney Museum had been prevented from purchasing a celebrated collection of South Sea Island curios in New Zealand because of very high duties placed upon the exhibits by the present tariff. He also wished to know whether it was a fact that there was a danger of this unique collection falling into the hands of an American purchaser, and so being lost to the Commonwealth. Would the Treasurer take action to have this class of articles placed upon the free list, in the same manner as articles for other educational institutions?

The MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS, on behalf of the Treasurer, said that nothing was known of any refusal to admit free any collection of curios such as that mentioned. Inquiry, however, would be made about the matter. He found that in the tariff schedule items 330 and 431 expressly exempted this class of goods from duty. Customs officers had been instructed in their interpretation of the tariff to take a liberal view in favour of institutions like the Australian Museum. The collection in question had formed the subject of correspondence with the Premier of New South Wales, who had been informed the articles were apparently free.

DUTY OF SHEEP-SHEARING MACHINES.

Mr. THOMAS BROWN asked the Minister for Customs whether it was a fact that, although sheep-shearing machines of British manufacture were on the free list, Customs duty at the rate of 25 per cent. was being charged on the whole of the overhead gearing, including the brackets, which were claimed to be an integral part of a shearing machine, and useless in themselves for any other purpose.

The MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS replied that the question of charging duty on brackets and bevel wheels on machines of British origin had been reconsidered, and it had been decided that they should, in future, be treated as integral parts of the machines, and admitted free, if of British origin.

THE NEW PROTECTION.

The PRIME MINISTER, in reply to Mr. Tudor, said that the date of the introduction of the Excise Act to give effect to the new protection scheme depended upon the progress made with the tariff. The bill was well advanced, as far as its general lines went, but it could not be introduced until the Government had a fairly complete idea of the number of industries to be brought under it, and that depended upon the consideration of the tariff. He hoped, however, to lay the bill on the table very shortly.

The New South Wales School Teachers' Association recently wrote to the Railway Commissioners asking that tickets issued in connection with the conference to be held in Sydney in December be made available for six weeks. A reply has been received stating that approval has been given, as a special case, for bona fide approved delegates attending the conference to be allowed up to six weeks in which to complete the return journey.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Oct. 31.

Salamis, s, 4508 tons, Captain M'Killiam, from Brisbane, via Newcastle. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., agents.

Aldenham, s, 3808 tons, Captain George, from Melbourne. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Howth, [illegible] bq, 2100 tons, Captain [illegible], from Liverpool. Dalton Bros., Ltd., agents.

Fino, s, 3800 tons, Captain Lonsigren, from Fremantle. Caledonian Coal Co., agents.

Wollowra, s, 2631 tons, Captain Leiper, from Cairns, via ports. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Hunter, s, 1840 tons, Captain Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Tuncurry, s, 162 tons, Captain O'Bierne, from South Coast. Allen Taylor and Co., agents.

Coomonderry, s, 147 tons, Captain Canty, from Shoalhaven. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Bega, s, 567 tons, Captain Bishop, from Eden. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Hastings, s, 193 tons, Captain Lacey, from Port Macquarie. Cain's Coastal Co-operative S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Cavanba, s, 573 tons, Captain Anderson, from Byron Bay. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Pyrmont, s, 213 tons, Captain Lundie, from Port Macquarie. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Westralia, s, 2884 tons, Captain Kell, from Hobart. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., agents.

Brundah, s, 684 tons, Captain Alley, from Richmond River. N. Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Kyogle, s, 702 tons, Captain Farrell, from Clarence River. N. Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Wandra, s, 100 tons, Captain Hunt, from Manning River. Allen Taylor and Co., agents.

Wyoming, s, 250 tons, Captain Muir, from North Coast. N. Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Mokau, s, 162 tons, Captain Mead, from North Coast. H. M. Corrigan and Co., agents.

Maheno, s, 5282 tons, Captain Neville, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Peterborough, s, 169 tons, Captain Baselain, from Shoalhaven. Illawarra and S. C. S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Yarra, s, 3357 tons, Captain W. H. South, from South Australia. Huddart, Parker and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., agents.

Bonfields, s, 3763 tons, Captain Quinn, from Valparaiso. Madden and Hixson, agents.

DEPARTURES.—Oct. 31.

Kildale, s, for West Coast, via Newcastle.
Winfield, s, for Adelaide.
Zealandia, s, for Auckland.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Nov. 1.

Guthrie, s, for Singapore, via ports; Somerset, s, for London and Liverpool, via ports; Nairnshire, s, for Liverpool and Glasgow; Tambo, s, for New Hebrides; Wollowra, s, for Melbourne; Peterborough, s, for Nowra; Moruya, s, for Bateman's Bay; Bega, s, for Eden; Burrawong, s, for Manning River; Namoi, s, for Newcastle; Bellinger, s, for Cape Hawke; Mokau, s, for Tweed River.

CLEARANCES.—Oct. 31.

Kildale, s, 3829 tons, Captain A. D. Milner, for West Coast, via Newcastle.

Kongsbryd, bqtn, 250 tons, Captain Johnston, for Wellington, via Port Stephens.

Winfield, s, 3216 tons, Captain Hayman, for Adelaide.

Kate Tatham, bqtn, 275 tons, Captain Munns, for Napier, via Newcastle.

Zealandia, s, 2771 tons, Captain Entwisle, for Auckland.

ENTERED OUTWARD.

Kildale, s, for Mollendo, via Newcastle; Aldenham, s, for Manila, China, and Japan, via ports; Wollowra, s, for Melbourne; Yongala, s, for Queensland ports.

IMPORTS.

Howth, bq, from Liverpool: 265 pkgs borax, 1400 cs beer, 2493 pkgs soap, 4157 pkgs soda, 200 [illegible] salt, 10,000 bricks, 42 kgs spikes, 112 drms chloride, 132,880 slates, 267 pkgs bottles, sundries.

Kyarra, s, from Fremantle, via Adelaide and Melbourne: 2004 bgs ore, 2922 bgs chaff, 130 bgs sand, 618 bgs bark, 187 pkgs wine, 100 frozen tongues, 550 pkgs earth, 185 bls hay, 80 drms arsenic, 637 bgs flour, 25 bgs oats, 10 cs tea, 214 pkgs maize, 15 bgs pollard, 46 bls fodder, 10 bgs peas, 42 cs vestas, 63 cs fruit pulp, and sundries.

Wollowra, s, from Cairns, via ports: 8311 bgs sugar, 25 cs pickles, 16 bgs wolfram, 9 bxs gold, 385 bls wool, 530 bgs bones, 136 bgs hides, 20 bls skins, 500 cs meat, 28 cs eggs, 25 cs milk, 50 bgs bottles, 26 bgs handles, 21 bls compressed chaff, 43 bgs hams, a quantity of vegetables, fruit, sundries.

Westralia, s, from Hobart: 4239 cs fruit, 1457 cs jam, 223 cs turnips, 300 empty cks, 510 bgs chaff, 28 cs peas, 456 bgs bran, 40 cs fish, 150,575ft timber, and sundries.

Yarra, s, from South Australia: 13,000 bgs chaff, 1100 tons salt.

EXPORTS.

Suva, s, for Fiji, via Noumea: 681 bgs sugar, 1155 cs kerosene, 50 cs gin, 58 cs beer, 298 bgs rice, 55 cs milk, 40 bxs candles, 20 rls wire, 33 bgs flour, 1870 tins biscuits, 200 bgs dhall, 161 rails, 194 cks cement, 170 bgs molasses ash, 700 bgs sharps, 166 brs iron, 100 bgs salt, 100 cs meats, 100 tons coal, groceries, and sundries.

South Australia, s, for Suva and Levuka: 31 bgs rice, 13 cs milk, 20 cs whisky, 10 rls wire, 150 cs kerosene, 30 cs wine, 118 cs biscuits, 50 sks flour, 42 cs salmon, a quantity timber, and sundries.

Friends of Captain K. A. Berg, who saw him apparently in good health recently, will be shocked to learn of his death (states the "Argus"), which occurred in Brisbane on Oct. 25. The deceased was on a holiday visit to that city, when he expired with suddenness. He had been in the service of the Adelaide Steamship Company, Limited, for many years, trading between Melbourne and Queensland ports during the greater portion of the time. For a considerable period he was in charge of the steamer Marloo, but on various occasions was associated with several other vessels of the fleet as master.

The Hawkes Bay left New York for Australia Oct. 26.

The Medic arrived at London Oct. 30.

The Tongariro, which left Plymouth Oct. 6, arrived at Capetown Oct. 29 on route to N.Z., via Hobart.

The Westralia left Hobart at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, and arrived at Sydney at 8 p.m. yesterday. She experienced NE and N winds and heavy head sea, continuous rains, and thick fogs to Gabo Island, thence moderate SW winds.

R.M.S. OPHIR.

The Orient liner Ophir (Captain A. J. Coard, which left London on Sept. 20 will arrive at Sydney to-day, and be berthed at Circular Quay. A cool run was made through the Red Sea, and the south-east trades were picked up shortly after leaving Colombo. The customary dances and entertainments were indulged in, and the English cricketers were responsible for no slight diversion by reason of variety of the games they entered upon to keep themselves in form.

THE GUTHRIE.

The Guthrie will leave Neutral Bay at noon to-day for Singapore, via Brisbane, Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Sourabaya, Samarang, and Batavia, transhipping for all Dutch East India ports at Sourabaya or Batavia. Passengers—Mrs. Davies and 2 children, Mr. J. Barre-Johnston, Miss Montague Tait, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Sheppard, Mr. F. Clarke, Mr. L. Plummer.

THE JOHN WILLIAMS.

The London Missionary Society's steamer John Williams arrived at Suva, Fiji, on Tuesday, and left for the Ellice and Gilbert Groups and New Guinea on Thursday. The John Williams is due at Sydney on December 31.

THE ZEALANDIA.

The Zealandia left yesterday for Auckland and other N.Z. ports. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haslam, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Zuicke and infant, Brigadier and Mrs. Bray, Mesdames E. H. Barber, Hayes Thompson, Best, M'Guinness, Rendall, Cutheir, H. Luks, J. Hardie, Jacob, Abomah, Misses Thompson, Rae, Stubley, N. Rae, Nurse Lang, H. Tunnicliffe, Horton, Rev. J. Smith, Messrs. Max Rowen, W. B. Crowhurst, S. Woods, J. M. Ellis, G. T. Williams, M. H. Lauchlan, W. M'Neillie, H. Howard, T. M'Cracken, E. M'Cracken, C. Best, R. Massey, C. H. Relph, R. J. Franki, W. H. Howe, Meyer, Mosien, R. H. Black, W. S. La Trobe, C. Limich, N. Whyte, J. Dear, J. Brown, Prince Obrach, A. Lang, Master Thompson, F. Luks.

STRUGGLE ON ATLANTIC LINER.

Dr. French, the surgeon of the White Star liner Majestic, had a most alarming experience during the voyage to New York at the end of September, narrowly escaping with his life at the hands of the mad stoker. On the third day out one of the stokers, a man named Patrick Sheehan, came to him in his surgery for treatment. Dr. French had no reason to feel alarmed at the man's appearance, but was surprised when the latter turned and locked the door behind him. Then, without any warning, the stoker threw himself upon the doctor, hurled him to the ground, and attacked him with a madman's desperation. Dr. French was unable to resist the maniac's strength, and could only cry out for help. The stoker held him by the throat, and the unfortunate doctor was being rapidly strangled, when one of the ship's officers, finding it impossible to effect a rescue by means of the door, fired a revolver down through a grating and shot the lunatic. He fell back, badly wounded, and Dr. French, hastily flinging open the door, pinned the man to the ground until assistance arrived.

DUROBY AGROUND.

TWEED HEADS, Thursday.

The steamer Duroby stuck on the crossing just below the Government crane wharf this afternoon at the same spot as the Mokau grounded earlier in the week. The Duroby was towed off on the top of the tide by a tugboat. The Mokau was not so fortunate, being detained three days, and having to discharge 30 tons of sugar to enable her to negotiate the crossing and bar.

THE WOLLOWRA.

The Wollowra has again put up some excellent steaming records. She left Cairns on Oct. 22, and called at Townsville, Bowen, and Mackay, which port was cleared at 8 a.m. on Saturday, and Brisbane was reached yesterday, 39 hours later. The voyage was resumed on Tuesday, Cape Moreton was cleared at 6 p.m. that day, and the Sydney Heads were entered at 4 a.m. yesterday. The latter run was accomplished in 34 hours, a most creditable run. The Wollowra will leave for Melbourne to-day, carrying a number of passengers, who will witness the Melbourne Cup race. The Wollowra will leave Port Phillip on the return trip on Wednesday.

THE ALFHILD WRECK.

Steps are being taken in the Tasmanian Parliament to have the present search party on the West Coast of the island for the seven castaways from the wrecked barque Alfhild supplemented. It is felt that the hardships the party must have experienced render them unfit to make a thorough search.

COASTAL REPORTS.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Nambucca and Newcastle, mod. SE; Sydney Heads, light SE; Gabo Island, mod SW gale.

Bar Harbours.—Manning, bar 10ft, beacons in line, crossing 11ft 3in; Ballina, bar 13ft, inside channel 16ft, beacons in line; Bellinger, bar 7ft, rise 2ft; Port Macquarie, bar 9ft 6in, crossing 8ft 9in, rise 2ft 6in.

LIVERPOOL TO QUEENSLAND IN TWENTY-FIVE DAYS.

The latest development of the growing feeling in favour of quick and all-British routes across the world is that indicated by the proposal which on Oct. 2 was to be laid before the shareholders of the Canadian-Pacific Railway (writes the London correspondent of the Adelaide "Register."). The time in which the journey from Liverpool to Queensland will in future be accomplished is stated to be 25 days. This remarkable achievement may or may not come off. It will depend on whether or not two newer and faster steamers will be built to replace the Empress of Britain and the Empress of Ireland for the company's Atlantic service with a speed of about 22 knots. The Empress boats would then run on the Pacific. This would bring Quebec within five days of Liverpool and Brisbane less than 25 days. The scheme has so many obvious merits, and the company is so well able to afford the risk of the experiment, that it is not likely the shareholders will stand in the way of the directors' proposals, though the scheme is still in the air, and must remain so till the shareholders have formally agreed to it.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

COOKTOWN.—Arr: Oct. 30, Makambo, from New Guinea.

CAIRNS.—Arr: Oct. 31, Gabo, from Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arr: Oct. 31, Innamincka, from Cairns. Dep: Cintra, for Brisbane; Barrier, for Melbourne.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Arr: Oct. 31, Buninyong, from Sydney. Dep: Allinga, for Sydney; Timaru, for [illegible].

BRISBANE.—Arr: Oct. 31, Bingera, from Townsville; Aramac, from Cooktown; Wodonga, from Sydney. Dep: Changsha, for Sydney; Aorangi, for Vancouver.

BYRON BAY (345m).—Arr: Oct. 31, Noorebar, 11 a.m.

RICHMOND RIVER (331m).—Passed: Oct. 31, Kooowarra, [illegible] p.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS (296m).—Arr: Oct. 31, Kallatina, 10 a.m. Passed N: Ramornie, 11.30 a.m.; Dorrigo, 2 p.m.

WOOLGOOLGA (254m).—Dep: Oct. 31, Nymboida, 1.30 p.m.

COFF'S HARBOUR (240m).—Arr: Oct. 31, Nymboida, [illegible]; Cooloon, 4 p.m.

NAMBUCCA (222m).—Dep: Oct. 31, Ellerslie, 3.30 p.m.

SMOKY CAPE (205m).—Passed N: Oct. 31, Augsburg, 1.30 p.m.; Rocklily, 4.40 p.m.; Australia, ktch, 4.50 p.m.; Kangaroo, sch, 5.50 p.m.

PORT MACQUARIE (174m).—Dep: Oct. 31, Myee, 2.20 p.m.; Wauchope, 4.35 p.m.; Federal, sch, 4.45 p.m.

TACKING POINT (160m).—Passed N: Oct. 31, 3-m schr, 1.15 p.m. S: Lead-coloured str.

CAMDEN HAVEN (150m).—Arr: Oct. 31, Unique, 2 a.m.

CROWDY HEAD (147m).—Passed S: Oct. 31, Bombala, 3.10 p.m.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Dep: Oct. 31, Kincumber, 2.55 p.m.; Corra Lynn, 3.55 p.m.; Burrawong, 4.55 p.m.

CAPE HAWKE (128m).—Oct. 31, Bellinger floated off Spit, proceeded to Cobar, 3.30 p.m.; Willinga, sch, [illegible] p.m., anchored in bay.

SEAL ROCKS (109m).—Passed N: Oct. 31, Friendship, 1 p.m.; Macleay, 5.35 p.m.

PORT STEPHENS (83m).—Arr: Oct. 31, Storm King, 10 a.m. Dep: Storm King, 1.15 p.m.; Hawk, 1.30 p.m. Passed N: F. and a. schr, 3 p.m.

NEWCASTLE (62m).—Arr: Oct. 31, Namoi, Queen Bee, Mute, Jessie Burns, from Sydney; H.M.S. Pyramus, Leeba, s, from Brisbane; Storm King, Hawk, from Port Stephens; Defiance, schr, from Kaipara; Dr. Helen Nicoll, Salamis, Cacan, sch, Wyoming, Kay, Hawk, Archer, Alice, Sphene, Maheno, for Sydney; Melbourne, Kolya, for Melbourne; Friendship; Cape Hawke; Macleay, for Macleay River; Jan J. H. Lunsmann, schr, for San Francisco; Mart, bq, for Mejillones.

LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS.—Dep: Oct. 31, Narooma, 3.30 p.m.

JERVIS BAY (87m).—Dep: Oct. 31, H.M.S. Prometheus, 7 a.m. Passed S: Chillagoe, 6 a.m.; Melbourne, 6.4 a.m.; Ike Alabama, 7 p.m.

BATEMAN'S BAY (134m).—Dep: Oct. 31, Moruya, 4.30 p.m.

EDEN (3[illegible]).—Dep: Oct. 31, Wakatipu, 9.15 a.m., for Launceston.

GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed N: Oct. 31, Anglian, 4.25 p.m.; Jan Macalister, 5.55 a.m.; Kadina, 9.10 a.m.; Glaucus, 1.30 p.m.; Yongala, 3 p.m.; a yacht, 3.50 p.m.

GABO ISLAND (238m).—Passed W: Oct. 31, R.M.S. Orontes, 9 a.m. S: Wakatipu, 12.52 p.m. N: J.M.S. Yasu Maru, 5.45 p.m.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Oct. 31, Inward: Kaituna, 5 a.m.; Hampton, 12.15 p.m.; Port Hunter, 5 p.m. Outward: R.M.S. Ophir, 8.35 a.m.; Wyrallah, 1 p.m.; Peregrine, 10.30 a.m.

MELBOURNE.—Arr: Oct. 31, Suffolk, from Liverpool; Den of Ruthven, from New York; Wyandra, from Cooktown; Pier, from Mediterranean ports. Dep: Oct. 30, Lady Mildred, s, for Newcastle; Buteshire and Hyson, for Sydney; Maranoa, for Dunedin direct; Roetock, for Continent.

HOBART (8m).—Arr: Oct. 31, Oonah, 2.5 p.m., from Sydney.

ADELAIDE.—Arr: Oct. 31, Mooltan, from E. States; Freia, from Durban. Dep: Cufic, Grantala, and Curzon, for E. States; Cimbra, for S. Africa; R.M.S. Mooltan, for London; Durham, for the Continent.

PORT PIRIE.—Arr: Oct. 31, Scottish Monarch, from Newcastle.

WALLAROO.—Dep: Oct. 30, Time, for Sydney.

ALBANY.—Arr: Oct. 31, Persic, from Liverpool. Dep: H.M.S. Powerful, for Melbourne. Passed: G.A. steamer, [illegible].

FREMANTLE.—Dep: Oct. 31, Sydney, for Bunbury; Maori, for [illegible], 6.40 a.m.; Umta, 7.15 a.m.; Arrino, 9.50 a.m., for E. States.

METROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average fall for 48 years, 48.690.

Average for [illegible] years, Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 39.093.

Rainfall, Jan. 1, 1907, to Oct. 20, 27.524.

Total for corresponding period last year, 25.748.

Temperature.—Max., 70; min., 63.4; at 9 p.m., 61.

Humidity: 9 a.m., 56; 3 p.m., 57; 9 p.m., 62.

Wind.—High velocity, 19 miles, from SE.

Barometer.—Perth, 30.00; Adelaide, 30.22; Melbourne, 30.0; Brisbane, 30.02; Sydney, at 9 a.m. 29.98, 3 p.m. 30.00, 9 p.m. 30.15.

RAINFALLS.

New South Wales.—The records are given in another column.

South Australia.—Thunderstorms and rather scattered general.

Victoria.—Light to heavy over southern districts and ranges, light elsewhere.

Western Australia.—Light in SW.

Tasmania.—Heavy in south-east.

QUEENSLAND RAINFALLS.

Northern: Georgetown 10 points, Camooweal 15, Cardwell 10, Cloncurry 11, Donaldson 30, Donor's Hill 11, Proserpine [illegible].

Central: [illegible]e 36 points, Bogantungan 21, Boulia 12, Comet, Emerald 38, Gingie State Farm 22.

Southern: [illegible] 30, Augathella 20, Bollon 17, Charleville 32, [illegible]andi 34, Goondiwindi 14, Hebel 51, Inglewood [illegible]les 15, Mitchell 36, Morven 30, Roma 30, St. George, Surat 70, Yandilla 60, Wallumbilla 62, Yeulba [illegible].

Messrs. G. Bright, and Co. have received the following advice:—Amby Downs station, Roma (Q.), Oct. 22: "Rainfall, 38 points." Gumbardo station, Adavale (Q.), Oct. 23: "Rainfall, 20th, station 28 points, [illegible] Emu Creek, paddock, mail change, Burraba [illegible] Emu Creek running, Fordham and Dolan dammed." Amby Downs station, Roma (Q.), Oct. [illegible]: "Light rains last night; 30 points head station."

FORECAST.

New South Wales.—A few isolated showers on coast and tableland, but rain area contracting towards north-east, and being fine and cooler generally under the influence of south to south-west winds.—A. Noble.

South Australia.—Fine and milder, with east to north-east winds.—R. F. Griffiths.

Victoria.—[illegible] generally, with light south to west winds, sea [illegible]rating.—P. Baracchi.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—The disturbance operating over western districts yesterday passed eastward last night, causing general rains over the State, excepting in the extreme north-west, also at coast stations, which failed to participate in the storm. Registrations were light to moderate generally, at some heavy totals were recorded on extreme southeast, also over southern and central highlands and north-west slopes.

RIVER HEIGHTS.

Heights above summer level of river, Oct. 31.—Albury, 3ft; Bingara, 8 1; Boggabilla, 9in, f; Booligal, Bourke, 1; Brewarrina, 1; Condobolin, 10in; Cowra, 7in; Deniliquin, 5ft 5in; Dubbo, 2ft 6in; Euog, 1ft 4in; Euston, 15ft; Goodooga, 1; Gundagai, 8in; Gunnedah, 1ft; Hay, 3ft 8in; Kunopia, 1; [illegible]; Menindie, 9in; Moama, 15ft 5in; Mogil Mogil, Moulamein, 5ft 7in; Mungindi, 3ft 6in, f; Narrandera, 1ft; Tocumwal, 6ft 8in; Wagga Wagga, 3ft 11in; Wentworth, 9ft; Wilcannia, 1ft 6in; Yetman, 1; Namoi [illegible] at Walgett, 2ft, s.

Note.—F, fing; s, stationary; s 1, summer level; 1, low.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR NOV. 1.

Sun rises [illegible], sets 6.21; moon, 2.33 a.m., 1.22 p.m.; Mercury, 5 a.m., 8.12 p.m.; Venus, 5.36 a.m., 7.20 p.m.; [illegible], 11.17 p.m., 1.15 a.m.; Jupiter, 1.3 a.m., 11.33; Saturn, 2.30 p.m., 3.10 a.m.

New moon, 6; full moon, Nov. 20.

High water, Fort Denison, 4.42 a.m., 5.0 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia—Overland, 5.30 p.m.†

Victoria.—Overland, 5.30‡ and 7 p.m.

Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.††

Manila [illegible] (P.I.), from Newcastle.—Reigate, [illegible] a.m.

Eden.—Bega, [illegible] a.m.

Manning River.—Burrawong, 11 a.m.

Lord Howe, Norfolk Islands, New Hebrides, and Banks [illegible].—R.M.S. Tambo, 11 a.m.

Valparaiso (direct).—Bolivian, 3 p.m.

Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Samarang, Sourabaya, Batavia, Singapore, and Dutch East Indies, via Brisbane.—Guthrie, 3.45 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Macassar, [illegible]ado, Gorontala, Banda-Neira, Sourabaya, [illegible], and Padang.—Foerth, 8 a.m.

Wellington, N.Z. (direct).—Maheno, noon.

Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via [illegible].—Arawa, noon.

Macleay Island Byron Bay, via Newcastle.—Ca[illegible].

Nelson's Bay, Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 1 p.m.

San Francisco.—Forerie, 3 p.m.

Bellinger River.—Rosedale, 4 p.m.

Port Macquarie.—Wauchope, 5 p.m.

Richmond River.—Brundah, 7 p.m.

Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.

*Western Australia, via Adelaide and Fremantle.—Anglian, [illegible] p.m.

Tasmania, Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.

Strahan, [illegible] and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via [illegible].—Coogee, 9.30 p.m.

REFERENCE NOTES.

* Correspondence intended for transmission by this vessel must be specially endorsed with the name of the ship.

†† Letters for Queensland will be accepted without late fee for Northern Express from 3.45 to 4.15 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the Special Box, which will be opened for that purpose during the time stated.

† Letters provided they are posted in the special box at [illegible], which will be opened for that purpose during the time stated hereafter, will be accepted with late fee from 5.30 to 6 p.m. for places in South Australia, and from 6 to 6.45 p.m. for Adelaide only.

‡ Letters provided they are posted in the special box at the [illegible], which will be open for that purpose during time stated hereafter, will be accepted with late fee from 5.30 to 6 p.m. for all places in Victoria, and from 6 to 6.45 p.m. for Melbourne only.

** Letters provided they are posted in the special box at the [illegible], time stated hereafter, will be accepted with late fee from 5.30 to 6 p.m.

DISPUTED ELECTION BILL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Disputed Election Bill, to straighten matters in connection with the disputed returns of [illegible], is now before the Senate. The principal clause is one which provides for the petition of Mr. Vardon against the election of Mr. O'Loghlin by the Parliament of South Australia. It removes completely to the Court of Disputed Returns any petition disputing the validity of the elections carried out as was the case which has shown the necessity for the bill. Another clause provides for any question respecting the qualifications of any member of Parliament being referred by resolution to the Court.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

But few sales were effected in investment stocks on 'Change yesterday. Bank of Australasia shares improved 15/, other sales being at previously current rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Wallsend Coal, £28; Bank of Australasia, £101/5/. Afternoon: Stockton Coal, 5/2; Colonial Sugar Co., £40. Later: Tooth and Co., 38/; and Colonial Sugar, £40.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital Paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yields to Investor.
STOCK.								
N.S.W.F.S. due 1912	4,066,702	...	...	3	95	95	[illegible]	3½
Do., due 1913	1,250,173	...	...	3½	99	98	[illegible]	3½
Do., due 1912	2,549,350	...	...	4	102	101	[illegible]	3½
Do., due 1924-5	...	...	...	3½	92	89	[illegible]	3½
Do., due 1915	...	...	...	3½	99½	98	[illegible]	3½
Do., due 1921	...	...	...	3½	99½	99	[illegible]	3½
Do., Act 1873	550,180	...	...	4	108	100	[illegible]	3½
Do., 4 p.c. due 9/8/07	550,000	...	...	4	100½	...	[illegible]	3½
Do., due 1909	...	...	...	4	100½	100	[illegible]	4
Do., Feb. 1909	...	...	...	4	...	100	[illegible]	4
Do., T. Bills, 1906	1,108,700	...	...	3½	100	99½	[illegible]	3½
Ditto	203,900	...	...	4	101½	100	[illegible]	3½
N.Z. Deb. 1913	...	...	...	4	101	...	[illegible]	...
Do., 1921	...	...	...	4	102	...	[illegible]	...
Queens. deb. 1913	...	...	...	4	101½	...	[illegible]	...
Do., Tr. Bills	550,000	...	...	4	102½	101½	[illegible]	4
W.A. Inscr.	...	...	...	4	101/10/	100½	[illegible]	...
Austrln. Gas Deb., 1922	500,000	...	...	4	101½	101	[illegible]	3½
City Sydney Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	103½	102	[illegible]	3½
Do., 1920	100,000	...	...	4	103½	102	[illegible]	3½
Col. Sugar D., 1914	...	...	...	5	105	107	...	4½
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	154,528	3½	1	...	...	100	...	5
Aust'lasia	1,600,000	40	40	14	101½	70	[illegible]	5½
City	240,000	10	8	8	75/6	...	[illegible]	5
New	100,000	10	8	3	79/	...	[illegible]	...
Commercial of Aust.	94,852	10	10/	...	15/6	...	[illegible]	...
Ditto, pref.	2,117,290	10	10	8	6/4/0	27/2	[illegible]	4½
Com. Frd.	...	25	12½	16	76½	...	[illegible]	4½
Do., New	...	25	5½	10	17	18	[illegible]	...
N. of Aust.	1,192,440	8	5	5	9/8	...	[illegible]	5
Ditto, pref.	805,780	10	10	6	11/V	11	[illegible]	4½
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	42	42/3	[illegible]	4½
Do., new, pd. to 3/1/07	...	20	20	10	41	41/10	[illegible]	...
N. Zealand	427,319	6⅔	5½	10	10½	...	[illegible]	5½
N. Queensl'd	100,000	7	2	4	30/6	30/7	[illegible]	4½
Q'sland Nat.	413,653	5	3	...	19/	...	[illegible]	...
Roy'l of Q.	407,541	9	6½	4	95/	...	[illegible]	5½
Union	1,500,000	75	25	14	62	61½	[illegible]	5½
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—Class II.	...	...	...	3	18/9	18/10	[illegible]	4
Ditto, 1913 Class II., 1917	...	...	...	...	...	...	[illegible]	...
Do., Insc.	768,033	...	...	3½	13/6	12/12/9	[illegible]	4½
Com. of Aus. Assets	3,334,003	...	...	3	17/6	21	[illegible]	4
E.S.A. Insc., pref.	889,410	...	...	3	18/1½	11	[illegible]	4½
Do., Def.	808,755	...	...	4½	19/	11	[illegible]	4½
Do., Deb.	988,547	...	...	...	18/8	11	[illegible]	4½
Nat. ex int.	3,110,631	...	...	3½	17/3	11/17/6	[illegible]	4½
STRAM.								
Fal. Ferry	80,000	1	1	10	40/	39/6	[illegible]	5½
How'd Smith 20s paid	250,000	20	20/	10	35/3	35/	[illegible]	5½
Do., 5s pd.	...	...	...	10	7/	...	[illegible]	...
Pref. 20s pd.	...	20	20/	5	20/8	20/9	[illegible]	...
Do., 5s pd.	...	...	...	...	...	...	[illegible]	...
Illawarra	49,787	1	15/	7	20/8	24/	[illegible]	...
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	5	24/7½	...	[illegible]	...
N'th Coast	151,250	1	17/6	8	24/9	25/6	[illegible]	...
Do., new	55,419	1	17/	8	23/10	...	[illegible]	...
Port Jackson	88,005	1	1	14	24/3	25/	[illegible]	...
Syd. Ferries	160,000	1	1	10	28/	27/	[illegible]	...
Ditto, new	19,086	1	10	...	28/6	50/	[illegible]	...
INSUR'NCE								
A.M. Fire	75,000	1	15/	14½	45/6	45/	[illegible]	4½
Mer. Mut.	45,000	1	6/	14½	18/3	18/	[illegible]	4½
New Zealand	250,000	10	2	15	90/	84/	[illegible]	4½
Queensland	75,000	1	10/	...	...	...	[illegible]	5½
United	85,402	...	2½	12½	6½	...	[illegible]	5½
Col. Mut. Fire	100,000	...	20/	20½	50/6	52/6	[illegible]	5½
COAL.								
Fellambli	175,000	1	1	15/	58/3	57/6	[illegible]	5½
East Greta	150,000	1	1	5	30/	29/	[illegible]	5½
Hed'y Greta	42,350	1	1	...	...	17/	[illegible]	...
Heltoni	123,625	5	5	5	58/	55/	[illegible]	5½
Metrop. pref.	...	...	...	8	...	...	[illegible]	8½
Ditto ord.	...	...	...	...	...	...	[illegible]	...
Newcastle	100,000	10	10	15	7	21/8	[illegible]	7
North Bull.	100,000	...	20/	...	25/	16/	[illegible]	...
South Greta	15,000	10	10/	...	15/	...	[illegible]	...
Stockton	95,631	1	1	4	5/2	...	[illegible]	...
New	...	...	15/	...	1/net	...	[illegible]	...
T. of Cl'dd.	50,000	...	1	1	28/	27/	[illegible]	...
Wallsend	40,000	10	4	+10/	28/8	28/	[illegible]	...
Waratah	...	1	1	10	28/	...	[illegible]	...
Wickham & Bullock Is.	104,045	1	1	...	9/	9/	[illegible]	...
Do., new	...	1	13/	...	4/6	4/8	[illegible]	...
Do., pref.	...	1	20/	...	20/	21/	[illegible]	...
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	22/	...	[illegible]	...
Australian	780,000	...	6	15	19½	19½	[illegible]	5½
Ditto New	...	...	3	15	11½	...	[illegible]	4½
Broken Hill	20,000	1	20/	...	...	...	[illegible]	...
Do., new	30,000	1	5/6	...	...	...	[illegible]	...
Char. Towers	20,000	10	10/	10	14½	...	[illegible]	7½
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	30/	...	[illegible]	...
Grafton	8,000	1	1	10	30/4½	...	[illegible]	...
Katoomba & Leura paid	10,000	1	1	...	21/	...	[illegible]	...
Maitland	15,500	5	5	7	7	...	[illegible]	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	10	31/	31/6	[illegible]	6½
Ditto, New	7,500	1	17/6	8	27/	28/	[illegible]	...
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	25/	25/6	[illegible]	...
Newcastle	45,000	2	2	15	3½	...	[illegible]	...
Nth. Shore	150,000	1	1	10	39/	40/	[illegible]	5
BR'W'RIES.								
C. & Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	21½	11/3	11/	[illegible]	7
Perkins	100,000	15/	15/	8	21/6	...	[illegible]	8
Toohey's	400,000	10	16/	5	11/3	11/5	[illegible]	7
Tooth's	800,000	1	1	10	38/6	38/	[illegible]	5
MISCEL'N'S.								
Aerated	17,800	15/	10	...	2/3	...	[illegible]	...
Aust. News	25,000	...	...	...	1/6	1/	[illegible]	...
B. H. W. Sup.	235,000	1	1	4/6	20/4	19/3	[illegible]	10
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	10	30/3	40/	[illegible]	5
New Issue	35,000	1	10	10	20/	...	[illegible]	...
Brooks & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	26/	[illegible]	...
Do., pref.	...	...	...	...	...	...	[illegible]	...
Col. Sugar	2,095,000	20	20	10	40	40½	[illegible]	5
New	...	...	...	10	40½	40½	[illegible]	...
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	6½	...	[illegible]	6½
DunlopPneu. Tyre, pref.	80,000	1	1	7	19/6	...	[illegible]	6½
Emu B. Rail.	...	...	...	...	4/10½	...	[illegible]	...
Ditto, pref., B	...	...	...	...	...	13/6	[illegible]	...
Emu & Pros. Gravel	27,200	1	16/	5½	8/0	...	[illegible]	10
Goodlet and Smith	165,000	15	15/	8	15)	15/	[illegible]	7½
H. M'Kenzie, ord.	60,000	1	1	6	...	...	[illegible]	...
Do., pref.	40,000	1	1	10	26/	27/6	[illegible]	...
Melb. Trams	480,000	1	10	12½	28/6	...	[illegible]	...
M. de Piete	74,619	1	1	10	38/	29/	[illegible]	5½
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	6	17/9	18/0	[illegible]	6½
Ditto, pref.	50,000	1	1	6	22/	23/	[illegible]	5½
F. Food, Ice	91,280	10	10/	10	12/6	1/9	[illegible]	7½
Pan'k & Grav.	68,882	1	20/	12½	24/3	25/	[illegible]	10
Pitt, Son, B.	55,000	1	11/	10	...	...	[illegible]	7½
Prm. Trust	25,000	5	2/6	10	5/0	5/6	[illegible]	5
Fern. Trust	25,000	10	5/	10	19/	13/3	[illegible]	5½
Potter's Sulphide	...	...	...	...	...	...	[illegible]	...
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	14/3	14/6	[illegible]	7
Silv. Tram	107,806	1	1	30	92/	91/	[illegible]	10
Syd. Cycle'ma	20,000	1	20/	8	31	17/	[illegible]	6½
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	6	12½	...	[illegible]	...
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	33/6	34/	[illegible]	5½
Ditto, cont.	57,500	1	10/	10	16/	16/3	[illegible]	6½
Ditto Hyd. & G. E.	22,500	1	15/	15	31/	30/6	[illegible]	5
Flmnd Elec.	15,000	1	20/	6	...	...	[illegible]	...
Vol. Land Co.	...	...	...	...	129	...	[illegible]	...
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co.	120,000	1	1	10	43/	...	[illegible]	4½
T. M. Hall	6,000	...	20/	...	...	...	[illegible]	...
Ditto, pref.	2,700	...	20	...	...	...	[illegible]	...
Hil. Mer'pole	75,000	...	20/	6	20/	...	[illegible]	5½
Ditto, pref	17,507	...	20/	6	20/3	...	[illegible]	...
Zinc Corp'ain	50,000	1	20/	...	...	4/	[illegible]	...
Q'sland Meat Ex. & Ag'y	...	...	...	...	...	...	[illegible]	...
Ditto, new	...	...	...	...	13/	...	[illegible]	...
LAND & BD.								
Com. B. & I.	...	...	...	...	3/6	5/	[illegible]	...
Excels. Dep.	...	...	...	...	9/	...	[illegible]	...
H'mkt Shares	...	...	...	...	...	...	[illegible]	...
Ind. Prov.	45,830	20	...	6	19	...	[illegible]	...
Intrc. Invs.	37,033	1	15/	10	21/	...	[illegible]	4½
Newc. B. & I.	...	...	...	6	19/	...	[illegible]	...
Syd. Free. L.	12,084	4/0	...	...	3/	...	[illegible]	...
Syd. & Sub. Dp	...	...	...	...	...	7/	[illegible]	...

*Where dividends are interim the yield based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the half-yearly one. (Per share. ‡‡Ex dividend. ‡‡Interim. §Call paid. *Including a bonus of 4 p.cent.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Quotations:—Broken Hill Water Supply, 3/, s 18/.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Quotations:—Queensland National Bank, s 18s; Queensland National Bank, Inscribed st(forward), 17/1, 17/3; Queensland 3½ per cent. Loan, £99/10/.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Comml Bank, 10/6; ditto, pref., £9/14/; Colonial Mutual Insurance, 61/6; Emu Bay, pref., A, 11/6; Melne Tram, 23/6; Silverton Tram, 88/, 88/6, 89/6. Water Supply, 15/.

FINANCIAL.

STATE REVENUE EXPANDING.

The State revenue for the month of October showed an increase of £29,606 in departmental sources, and £154,456 in business undertakings, or £184,062 in all. The receipts for the first four months of the financial year are very gratifying, if they can be so described. Here are the details:—

	Governmental.	Business undertakings.
July to October, 1906	£2,055,7[illegible]	£1,920,068
July to October, 1907	2,3[illegible]	2,225,600
Increase	£270,4[illegible]	£304,592

The increase under both heads for the period has thus been £575,016.

THE TOBACCO DUTY.

Firms interested in handling brands of tobacco put up by manufacturers outside the influence of the Tobacco Trust are circularising the members of the Senate on the subject of the duties. It is being pointed out to senators that after the [illegible]re of the tariff committee in gatherig evidence relative to the tobacco industry, the independent section of the trade entertained strong hopes that the excise and import duties would be so readjusted as to permit of a "judicious whiff of competition" with the Trust in the Commonwealth market. It is contended that the increased duty on the manufactured article, by shutting out, or at least reducing, the competition of independent manufacturers, consolidates the trust's monopoly of the Commonwealth trade, to the detriment of the consumer on the one hand and the revenue on the other. The Senate is therefore invited to intervene.

DECREASE IN AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE IN LONDON.

The meat delivered to the London Central Meat Market, Smithfield, during the month of August weighed 32,504 tons, as against 32,979 tons in August, 1906, a decrease of 475 tons. Products of the United Kingdom marketed showed an increase of 144 tons, Continental an increase of 409 tons, Australasian a decrease of 927 tons, and North and South American products 121 tons decrease. In the eight months ended August 31 the meat delivered to the market weighed 275,838 tons, being a decrease of 5754 tons on the corresponding period of last year. The following table compares the two periods in 1906 and 1907:—

	1907. Tons.	1906. Tons.	Difference. Tons.
United Kingdom produce	55,612	56,174	562 decrease.
Australasian produce	73,352	75,557	2,205 decrease.
N. American produce (English killed)	43,054	47,329	4,275 decrease.
N. and S. American produce (American killed)	72,628	75,237	2,609 decrease.
Continental produce	31,192	27,295	3,897 increase.
	275,838	281,592	5,754 decrease.

ST. JOSEPH'S I. AND B. SOCIETY.

The thirty-ninth annual report of the above society, agreed to at the shareholders' meeting last evening, stated that in accordance with legislation an arrangement was come to whereby the society bound itself to pay off the balance due to depositors by equal annual instalments, in 20 years. Of the £330,000 of debts owing when the society closed its doors in 1892, only £73,218 now remains unpaid. Final arrangements have been made in this way for the resumption by the society of active business. The deficiency in the assets has been extinguished, and the value of the shares standing nominally at £3 has been raised to the real value of £6 per share. The board does not say that the properties could be readily sold at their valuation, but that they are well worth it to the society as income-producing assets. The society now has a capital represented by solid assets of £67,000, and its net profits are about £4000 a year.

FREQUENCY CURVES.

A meeting of the Actuarial Society of New South Wales was held on Monday evening, when a paper was read by Mr. C. A. Elliott, F.I.A., the subject being "Frequency Curves." In his paper, Mr. Elliott explained the method of gradation of statistics by frequency curves, and pointed out that a good deal remains to be done before the method can be considered ready for general application, but that when that is accomplished it is hoped that wherever we have a sufficient number of observations of the frequency with which an event, depending on natural causes, has happened under given sets of circumstances, we shall be able to deduce an approximate expression of the general law, which will enable us to predict with some approach to accuracy the frequency with which the same event will happen under any assumed set of circumstances of a like nature.

LONDON MERCHANTS ON THE TARIFF.

The following is the text of the resolution passed just prior to the departure of the last mail by the London Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the Australian tariff:—

(1.) That this meeting of the Australasian section and other members of the London Chamber of Commerce protests against the imposition of further duties on British goods entering the Commonwealth, which, in spite of the financial support accorded to Australian industries by merchants and investors here, will seriously harm the manufacturing industries of the United Kingdom.

(2.) That the preference on British goods, although small, is thankfully received in the hope that it will be shortly increased, seeing that all Australian products are permitted to enter our markets free, except only those which are subject to excise.

(3.) That the sudden levying of the new duties, especially on goods contracted for and bought before the coming into force of the new tariff, must result in very serious inconvenience, and is calculated to cause considerable loss both in Australia and Great Britain, unless the time for levying of the duties is postponed.

N.S.W. CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

Customs receipts continue heavy, despite the tariff, and despite the dry weather, which might have been expected to have had the effect of curtailing consumption. Last month receipts totalled £367,882, against £312,740 in October of last year. The following comparison may be made:—

January to October, 1905	£2,736,805
January to October, 1906	2,993,155
January to October, 1907	3,522,674

There has thus been an increase up to date of £529,519 this year, as against last.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS AND THE TARIFF.

At the annual meeting of the Central Board of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association at Preston on September 21, resolutions were passed expressing regret at the action of Australia in the formation of the recent tariff, which in its operation would be disastrous to many industries in the mother country, and protesting that the preferences allowed to British manufacturers cannot have any practical effect on the development of British industry. Sir William Tomlinson said the new tariff must work injuriously to the traders of the United Kingdom. He hoped the commercial interests of the colonies would be brought into more direct intimate connection with the trade of the United Kingdom. If it was to maintain its position the United Kingdom must work in harmony with the colonies.

A GOVERNMENT DEPOSIT FROM FIRE OFFICES.

The time has arrived, considers the "Trustees and Investors' Review," for fire insurance offices trading within the borders of the Commonwealth to find a deposit to be lodged with the Treasurer. It proposes that £20,000 should be fixed as the sum that each company should deposit before it can carry on business. It says that there are no less than forty-four companies at present carrying on business in the various States of the Commonwealth, and the majority of these are controlled outside the Commonwealth, and some security should be demanded by Federal authorities against the enormous liabilities of companies here, exceeding £200,000,000. No strong company, it urges, would have any objection to lodging £20,000, at any 3½ per cent., with the Federal Treasurer, and those objecting could well be done without. Life assurance companies have to lodge £5000 with the State Treasurer before being allowed to carry on business in Victoria, so the proposal that fire companies should do likewise would not be without precedent. But why, it may be asked, should such a deposit be claimed. In the past it would have served no good purpose. The only argument "The Review" uses of any weight is as follows:—

In the United States of America companies have to lodge stipulated sums of money with each State before being allowed to carry on business, and this appears to act well, and enables the State officials to keep a keen watch on insurance doings, and prevent dummy companies being carried on. At the present time in Australia there are at least eight practically defunct companies still carrying on business under the control of their purchasing companies, mainly, it is said, to retain the goodwill and benefits of the former companies' connection, but with no special advantage to the public. Federal supervision need not necessarily stop short at insisting on a deposit—it might also be instrumental by legal enactment in seeing that companies maintain reserves for the unexpired risk in Australia, equal to at least 40 per cent. in addition to their usual reserves. In American States a 50 per cent. reserve for unearned premiums is insisted on, and though on some sides it has been stated that this percentage is a bar to a rapid extension of business, it is pretty well recognised by underwriters that this forced reserve is really of financial benefit to companies, and even if it does prevent a rapid expansion it is certainly better than having companies attempting to write more business than they can safely absorb. It is not urged that any further tax should be placed on fire insurance companies—they are already the most taxed companies in the world, and in fact the only companies which are taxed on turnover and not on profits—but it is recommended that some deposit should be asked of all companies carrying on here, and it is thought that a little supervision would do no harm.

It is surely premature to propose interference with business undertakings before the public at large ask for something of that sort. Already we have overmuch interference of this kind without commensurately good results.

STATE-OWNED RAILWAYS.

Lord Brassey, presiding at the autumnal meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce at Liverpool recently, said there was a growing demand in Great Britain that railways shall be managed with a single eye to the public service, and not for the benefit of shareholders. Competition was carried to excess, immense capital was wasted; workers complained that wages were too low and the hours too long, and traders of excessive rates. We were, he said, perhaps, on the eve of a change of policy. In Continental Europe the railways had become the property of the State. The requirements of the public were fully considered. The results to the Exchequer had been satisfactory. If we were taking a new departure to-day, there could hardly be a question as to what Parliament would do. The capital value of our railways was, roughly, twice the amount of the national debt. We might, perhaps, begin State ownership in Ireland, where the financial operation would be on a limited scale. As to the administration, there was no reason to apprehend failure, and not the least of the advantages from the change which he ventured to advocate was that it would give to the State a field in which soldiers, having completed their term with the colours, might find employment.

UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS.

"A. R. C." writes:—

Sir,—In a short but interesting discussion in your issue of 25th instant, on "Unclaimed Dividends," you ask the question, "How long is it necessary to go through the form of providing for shareholders who, in many cases, will never more be heard of?"

The Companies Act of 1899 appears to make provision for the use of unclaimed dividends as follows:—In table A, sec. 76, " . . . All dividends unclaimed for three years after having been declared may be forfeited by the directors for the benefit of the company." Form B also has the same article, and the only difference in the seventh schedule is that four years must elapse. Therefore it seems reasonable to conclude that our legislators never intended unclaimed dividends should be a perpetual liability against a company.

My experience of more than 20 years with a limited company was that whilst many tens of thousands were distributed in dividends, not more than £50 remained unclaimed. It is not always possible to trace shareholders with small interests, who neglect to record their change in addresses, or who may die without leaving legal representatives. No doubt the experience of other companies would be the same as that which I have recorded. So far as large shareholders are concerned, there is never any trouble about collecting their dividends, as they are always waiting to receive them immediately they are declared.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The record price of /17½ was realised for Mudgee wool in the grease at yesterday's sale at the Royal Exchange. This price has not been exceeded for quite a number of years.

From Mr. P. E. Radley, Theobold-road, London, we have received a booklet and chart giving English weights and measures with metric equivalents.

COMMERCIAL.

BREADSTUFFS.

The few showers which fell in the country, although not sufficient of themselves to work any material change in the wheat position, so far at any rate as the State is concerned, nevertheless had a somewhat restraining effect upon the market, and, as a consequence, business was on the quiet side, though still strong in the neighbourhood of 6/. It transpired that the transaction reported on the previous day covered the purchase by a Sydney miller of the cargo of the Thessalus, which was loading at Adelaide for the United Kingdom. The cargo consists of about 22,000 bags.

Flour was unchanged.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 217 tons of wheat and 123 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

WHEAT LOADINGS AND STACKS.

For the week ending October 26, 13,615 sacks of wheat were despatched from country railway stations, 7363 being from the Southern line, 6173 from the Western, and 79 from the Northern. Loadings for the season, 3,174,250 sacks. Loadings up to the corresponding date of last year, 2,947,307 sacks.

On October 26, 188,178 sacks of wheat were stacked on railway premises, as against 208,071 sacks at an approximate date last year. The stacks were distributed as follow:—

Station.	No. of Bags.	Station.	No. of Bags.
Temora	16,233	Wellington	15,433
Junee	130	Ditto, outside fence	7,000
Lockhart	18,059	Geurie	21,102
Henty	14,342	Narromine	1,124
Walla Walla	834	Manildra	2,076
Balldale	1,132	Parkes	8,659
Hopefield	500	Trundle	5,800
Corowa	784	Cowra	4,228
Germanton	2,870	Grenfell	8,500
Old Junee	7,592	Quirindi	5,000
Coolamon	13,554	Darling Island	22,498
Ganmain	2,215		
Berrigan	10,700		
Finley	1,030		
Hay	411		188,178

HIGH PRICES IN NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Flour was raised a further £1 per ton. It is now £14, f.o.b. southern ports. Oatmeal has gone up, the ton now being £18. Wheat was selling at from 5/11 to 6/.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Teas.—The market was active, and at auction Messrs. Alfred Harvey and Co. offered 553 Ceylons, and cleared the lot, at from /7½ to 1/0½. Competition was keen for the whole catalogue. Prices realised, however, were below Colombo, which market was cabled on Wednesday with a tendency upward on account of the buying for London. The lowest price on the Colombo market for commonest Pekoe Souchongs was /3. The offerings yesterday in Colombo totalled 1½ million lb. Private sales locally included 650 Ceylons from /7½ to 1/1, and 350 Indians at from /7½ to /8½.

To-day Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. offer at auction a heavy catalogue of Ceylon and China teas.

Groceries.—Groceries entering largely into the section of the tariff schedule, which is under immediate consideration, business is, for a moment, practically at a standstill in those lines which have not yet decided. In those lines which have been determined, however, demand has been good. The reduction in the duty on dates by 1d per lb, which enabled the distributing price of dates to arrive to be eased from /4½ to /3½, caused an immediate lodgment of orders. One merchant stated that he had sold more dates yesterday than for weeks previous. Fresh herrings were quoted at 5/3 and 5/6, kippered at 6/6 and 7/, and herrings-and-tomatoes at 6/8 and 6/7½ for Morton's and Moir's respectively. White's jelly crystals were 3/ easier. Sardines and salmon were firm at late rates. Currants to arrive were sold again at /5½ in parcels, and /5¾ in distributing lots. Imported milks were in rather limited inquiry. Considerable business was done in cocoa in anticipation of a rise. Red rock salt by the Howth yesterday met strong demand for export purposes, and holders advanced the price to 60/. Quotations for shipments by the Inverness, the next steamer due, were 55/. Further large shipments are expected early next year.

Oils and Metals.—In both departments the market was very quiet. Oil quotations were unchanged. Hardware houses are feeling the effects of the season very specifically in the falling-off in the demand for machine oils, farm tools, binder twines, dairy utensils, and the like, this being the period of the year in which trade in these lines is generally briskest. Piping was a shade dearer, for although the discounts had been increased by some 2½ per cent., being 65 and 72½, the list had advanced. On ½inch, ¾inch, and 1inch, the old list was /4½, /6, and /8½, whereas the new was /5, /6½, and /9 respectively for galvanised and black. Non-duty-paid stocks of barbed wire were reported to be getting scarce, and duty-paid was quoted at £17 for No. 12, and £18/5/ for No. 14. Light-weight Kelly's axes sold at 47/. Owing to the advance in all handled tools in the buying markets, a movement was afoot among merchants to lift the prices one shilling or so a dozen.

Jute.—The market was freer of country re-sales, and in rather better tone, although no business of consequence was recorded. Melbourne was inquiring again at 5/8 and 5/9, but finding holders still obdurate. Branbags sold again in small lots at 5/4. Packs were in rather better inquiry, and sold as before at 2/8 and 2/10, with odd parcels a shade under.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney yesterday amounted to £13,075.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 8223 bales of wool were manifested to arrive.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

METALS.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

Closing quotations are:—

Copper, spot, b £62/12/6, s £62/17/6, a fall of about £1/7/6; three months, b £62, s £62/5/.

Tin, b £145, s £145/10/, £4/7/6 weaker; three months, b £146/5/, s £146/15/, £3/5/ weaker.

Pigiron, 53/.

WHEAT EASIER.

Wheat has declined /6 to 1/.

The cargo of the Thessalus, loading with South Australian wheat, has been bought back by the shipper at 44/6.

SILVER.

LONDON, Oct. 30.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2/3 7-16d per ounce standard.

TALLOW.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, has received from their London house, under yesterday's date, the following cable:—"Tallow: Since our cable of last week the market for mutton and beef remains unaltered. Quotations as follows:—Fair to good mutton tallow, demand steady, at from 34/6 to 35/ per cwt; beef, demand steady, at from 33/ to 33/6 per cwt."

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Interstate advices being weak to-day, and quotations for grain having been withdrawn, the local market was quieter, though no quotable alteration took place in prices. There was an easier feeling. Flour than 3/2 could have been got during the day. Flour was unaltered at £12. Bran and pollard sold at 1/7. Cheese was being inquired for from Sydney. Forty cases have been sold. There was also some inquiry for bacon.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Wheat was very irregular, and unsettled. Several thousand bags were sold at 5/9½ and 5/9. Some buyers were looking for a further reduction. The South Australian cargo per the Thessalus will go to Sydney. The association basis for flour was reduced 5/, to £12/10/. Fifty tons of flour sold for export to New Zealand at £11/15/. Bran and pollard were unaltered at 1/. 1000 bushels of each article were sold at 1/7. Algerian oats were somewhat unsettled, and slightly irregular, up to 3/10 for good milling. Maize was weak and irregular, from 4/0 to 4/10. Peas sold up to 4/6. Chaff was quiet, with light arrivals at from £6 to £6/10. Potatoes were steady, and rather quiet. Prime shipping redsoil sold from £5 to £5/5/; Pinkeye, up to £5; Snowflake, up to £4/5/. Onions were weaker, and irregular, up to £9, nominal.

About 500 chests of Indian tea sold, principally from second hands. 100 boxes Jordan almonds were sold at 2/ ex Dumbea. Jams are in good demand, owing to unfavourable prospects for the new fruit season. Cornsacks were quiet. Sellers were asking 6/3 to 6/4. Branbags sold from 5/3 to 5/3½. Fencing wire sold at £8/15/.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Market to-day fruit sold as follows:—Almonds, /5 to /7 per lb; apples, 4/ to 8/ per case; oranges, 8/ to 12/ ditto; lemons, 5/ to 7/ ditto; strawberries, 1/6 to 2/ per lb; walnuts, /7 to /9 per lb.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the live stock market yesterday 2170 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 200 from South Australia, and 1700 from New South Wales. Demand was without animation, and prices ruled decidedly lower. Quotations: Prime pens bullocks, £10/15/ to £12, extra prime £12/10/ to £13/15/; odd beasts to £15, good £8/10/ to £10/5/; good light and handy weights, £7 to £8; with fresh-conditioned steers from £3/10/ upwards; best pens cows to £8, others from £3. Fat calves: 400 were penned, which realised lower rates. Quotations: Best steers and heifers, 60/ to 90/, a few higher; best calves, 35/ to 50/, good from 20/ to 30/, others from 4/.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The last day of the month found trade not only dull, but dead. The market was almost without exception weaker; holders in some cases accepting cut rates for maize, bran, and pollard, and not being able to get cut rates even for other lines. The buyers were unanimously engaged elsewhere, and sellers chewed straws outside their places of business.

Maize was very tender; since rain reports came in disquietingly. Offals have easily dropped a penny. Lucerne, although scarce, was weaker, echoing the smaller recent rates at the Redfern yards. Blue peas, of which there are very few, were quoted at 6/6 a bushel, an advance of a shilling on last week's price. Some fine Western Australian chaff was offered at £7 a ton, but it was too early to see how buyers regarded it. No Melbourne chaff was to be had. Chaff seemed to be the one commodity during the closing week of October which moved really well, and stocks are at present pretty light.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Barley.—Victorian: Nominal.

Maize.—Prime yellow, 4/11, 5/; white, 4/10. At auction: Inferior 4/9 bus.

Peas.—Blue, 6/3; grey, 5/ bus.

Chickwheat.—Nominal.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian, heavy milling, 3/7 to 3/8. Tasmanian: White, 3/7 to 3/8 bus.

Bran.—1/8; pollard, 1/8 bus.

Chaff.—Victorian: Nominal. Adelaide: £6/10/ to £6/15/. Western Australian: £7. At auction: Medium, £5/15/ ton.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: Nominal. Adelaide: Nominal. At auction: Medium, £6 ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: Nominal. Melbourne: Nominal.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime dry green, £6/10/; soft, from £5/10/ ton. At auction: Prime large, £6/5/; medium small, £6 ton.

Lucerne Chaff.—At auction: Prime, £7 ton.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Prime redskins, nominal; medium, £6/10/; darkskins, £6 to £6/5/. Local: At auction: Good, £5/10/; medium, £4/5/4 to £4/15/ ton.

Onions.—Victorian: £10 ton. Local: At auction, £5/16/8 ton.

Turnips.—Tasmanian: Nominal.

FIREWOOD.

Best box, 14/ to 15/6, good 12/6 to 13/6; ironbark, 10/6 to 12/6; stringybark, 10/ to 12/; bakers' wood, prime 12/ to 13/, good 10/ to 12/, rough 7/ to 9/ ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter has jumped another two shillings, all grades being this time affected. A further advance in special brands of lard was also quoted. Bacon supplies were light, and went off fairly well at the unchanged rates. There seemed some discrepancy in the egg market, a couple of large firms reporting them as distinctly weaker, and declaring their willingness to part with stocks at the lower quotations given below. Northern were said to be difficult at 8/, and southerns almost impossible to move at /8½. But other sellers took a less pessimistic view of the market.

A few specially matured Victorian cheeses were upon the market at the high rate of /10½ a lb.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Special flavoured brands 110/, choice 104/ to 108/, seconds 88/ to 92/ cwt.

Bacon.—Prime factory, sides, /9 to /9½, flitches /8½ to /9, middles /10½ to /10½; special brands, sides /9½, flitches /9½, middles /10½. Hams: In cloth, /11, special brands /13½ to /13½; bagged, /12½ to /13/, special brands /14½ to /14½ lb.

Honey.—60lb tins, extra choice extracted, /3½ to /3½, prime /2½ to /3, good /2½, inferior and candied /2.

Beeswax.—Bright, 1/3½ to 1/4, dark 1/2 to 1/3 lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf, /8½ to /9, good /6½ to /8½, prime large /8½ to /8½, good /8 to /8½, inferior nominal; special brands, /9 to /9½ lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders /6, special /6½, bulk /5 to /5½, special /6½ lb.

Eggs.—Northern River, /8 to /8½; Southern and railway, /8½ to /9; new-laid suburban, /9½ to /13; duck, new-laid, /10 to /10½ doz.

POULTRY.

River.—Old hens, 2/ to 2/6; young roosters, 4/ to 5/; English ducks, 2/9 to 3/6; Muscovy, 2/3 to 4/; drakes, 5/ to 5/6; geese, 6/ to 7/; turkeys, hens 7/ to 8/; gobblers, 12/ to 14/, extra heavy to 18/; guineafowls, 4/ to 4/6 pair.

Suburban.—Fowls, young roosters, 4/ to 7/, very small kinds from 2/, old hens 2/ to 2/10; ducks, English, 3/6 to 4/, choice to 5/; Muscovy, 3/6 to 4/6, choice 5/; drakes, 4/6 to 6/, choice 7/; turkeys, hens 7/ to 9/6, choice 10/, small from 4/6; gobblers, choice 18/, prime 11/ to 16/, inferior from 10/; geese, 6/ to 7/; guineafowls, 4/ to 4/6; pigeons, 1/3 to 1/9 pair.

AUCTION SALES.

Rather a quiet sale eventuated at the railway auction yards, where 33 trucks of mixed produce were submitted to a fair attendance of buyers. Ten lots were passed in, owing to the auctioneers refusing the concessions demanded by the trade. Of four lots of chaff offered three were disposed of. Medium quality brought 5/9. Lucerne growers sent six truckloads, half of which was disposed of. Prime large bale brought 6/3, medium small 6/. Lucerne chaff made 7/ for prime. Medium oaten hay brought 6/. Maize sold slowly, only one lot moving out of four. Second quality sold for 4/9. Potatoes comprised the bulk of the consignments, 15 lots being offered, only two of which failed to move. Ruling values were realised all round. Good sorts brought 5/6, medium 4/2 to 4/9, inferior 3/ to 3/9. One lot of western onions found a buyer at slightly better rates than the previous day, 5/10 being paid. Another lot was passed in at 6/4. Details of sale follow:—

Chaff.—From Hamblin Bros., Ganmain, (59) 5/7, *5/9, (1006) 5/7, *5/9, (11704) 5/7, *5/0; ex Maryvale, (7090) p 6/2 cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—From Laidlaw Bros., Moonbi, (4493) p 6/1, *6/3; Mathieson, Tamworth, (11517) p 6/2; Annis, (12680) 6/; J. J. Thompson, Perth, (11943) p 5/4; O. Gummer, (200) p 5/8; George Sims, Nemingha, (3429) p 5/8, *6/ cwt.

Lucerne Chaff.—From Crawford, Tamworth, (12088) 7/ cwt.

Oaten Hay.—From Reinhardt, Oldfield siding, (6773) 6/ cwt.

Maize.—Ex Wallangarra, (71035) 4/9, (10002) no bid, (11530) p 4/9, (7167) p 4/9½ bus.

Onions.—Ex Wellington, (3804) 5/10; Fay, Narn, (4803) p 6/4 cwt.

Potatoes.—Ex Mulgrave, (8444) 3/2; tickets missing, (6444) 5/6, (12824) p 4/1, (5592) no bid; Upton Armidale, (12917) 14 bags 3/ and 58 bags 2/9; Frost, Black Mountain, (2281) 4/2; Burgess, Dumaresq, (3011) 4/; M'Donald, Crookwell, (11616) 3/6; ex Millthorpe, (1192) part 4/1, (6449) 3/9, (3091) p 2/7; Brown, (11545) 2/8, 72 bags p 3/10, (624) 4/2; G. Wilson, Wallerawang, (2505) 23 bags 4/9; Weston, Orange, (65) 4/4 cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

BATHURST-STREET.

Fruit is getting steadily scarcer, and prices were a shade higher. Oranges, for instance, that would not have been looked at a couple of weeks ago easily sold at 2/ a case. Tasmanian Scarlet Pearmain apples were cleared out, and Sturmers found ready sale at advanced rates. An advance was also noted on choice lots of tomatoes and cucumbers. The market was almost bare of American apples, but a couple of large shipments are expected to-day. Cherries were increasingly in evidence, though as yet the prices are very high.

Current quotations were:—

Passionfruit.—Choice 6/6 to 7/, good 4/6 to 5/, small 1/6 to 2/6 box.

Pineapples.—Queensland: From 5/ to 8/ case.

Tomatoes.—Queensland: Choice 5/ to 7/, others 2/ to 4/ quarter-case.

Peanuts.—/5½ lb.

Cocoanuts.—11/6 to 12/ bag.

Oranges.—Choice 8 /to 10/, good 4/ to 6/, small 2/ to 2/6; Navel, extra choice 18/ to 20/, choice 14/ to 15/, good 8/ to 10/ case.

Mandarins.—Emperor, extra choice 12/ to 14/, choice 8/ to 10/, medium 4/ to 5/, small 1/6 to 2/6, gincase; Thorneys, choice 3/6, others from 2/ half-case.

Apples.—American: 10/ to 15/. Tasmanian: S.P.M., nominal; Sturmers, choice 9/0 to 11/, medium 7/ to 8/, small 3/ to 4/. Cooking: French Crabs, 8/ to 11/ bushel-case.

Cucumbers.—Queensland: Choice 8/ to 10/, others 5/ to 6/ packer.

Bananas.—G.M., 15/6 to 16/ case, 4/ to 10/ bunch. Chinese: 14/0 to 15/ case, 3/6 to 6/6 bunch.

Lemons.—Choice white 5/ to 6/, medium 3/ to 3/6, rough, almost unsaleable at 1/ case.

Cherries.—5/ to 8/6; choice lots to 10/ quarter-case.

PRODUCE ARRIVALS.

The arrivals of maize, oats, chaff, potatoes, and butter by rail and sea for the week ended Tuesday, October 29, together with the totals to date for the year, and for the corresponding period last year, are appended:—

	Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Maize.			
Week's receipts	6,098	2,267	100
Previous week	7,098	3,140	—
Total to date, 1907	309,091	20,867	155
Total, 1906	410,589	42,843	39,196
Oats.			
Week's receipts	8	38	11,155
Previous week	36	—	2,350
Total, 1907	81	58,765	141,403
Total, 1906	112	41,038	130,990
Chaff.			
Week's receipts	—	8,640	25,417
Previous week	—	15,660	52,507
Total, 1907	—	550,922	935,199
Total, 1906	355	1,350,160	981,218
Potatoes.			
Week's receipts	57	9,361	10,072
Previous week	—	6,468	6,137
Total, 1907	37,825	88,370	706,070
Total, 1906	30,520	96,572	867,864

Butter.	Boxes.	Boxes.	Kegs.	Boxes.
Week's receipts	8,591	2,451	8	—
Previous week	8,216	2,302	13	65
Total, 1907	593,609	119,918	1001	6,406
Total, 1906	405,196	128,027	625	21,070

The above figures show that there has been a general falling-off in the produce grown within our own borders since last week. Maize and chaff show this very plainly, and with the big run on these two at present this looks rather ominous. Potatoes have come in in increasing numbers, and oats are practically out of the market. Butter shows a slight increase.

From other States two of the three appreciable lines, oats and potatoes, have come in increasing quantities, while chaff has fallen off by more than half last week's shipments.

The general comparison of this year with last is naturally not affected much. But it must be remembered that the shortage is rather in anticipation than actually present. At this time of year these fodder and produce lines should show no tendency to decrease, and, indeed, one might look to those which have increased to have increased in greater ratio than is at present shown.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of November 4, 402 sheep vans and 128 cattle waggons; for November 7, 411 and 143.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd.; John Bridge and Co., Ltd.; Dalgety and Co., Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; Hill, Clark, and Co.; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.; Schute, Bell, and Co.; and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Tallow.—A very slack demand prevailed at a much lower range of values till near the close, when prices firmed, closing prices being unchanged for prime sorts, and 10s easier for medium to good grades, while inferior descriptions declined 15/ to 20/ per ton. Quotations:—Prime mixed £29 to £29/10/ per ton, good £28/5/ to £28/15/, medium £26/15/ to £28, inferior £21 to £26/10/, broken packages £21 to £21/10/. 256 casks were offered, and 82 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—Horsehair ruled lower, while other descriptions were unchanged. Quotations:—Horsehair sold to /20½ per lb, cowhair to /13½, stumps to /8½; ordinary shanks to £4/10/ per ton, ordinary hoofs to £3/15/, best white hoofs to £12/5/, hidepieces to £11, sinews to £32/10/; horns to 70/ per 100; beeswax to /17 per lb.

PINEAPPLE BACON and HAMS.—Delicious flavour. Ask your grocer for it. Prescott, Limited, 330 and 338 Sussex-st. Has, as usual. Tel. number the same.—Advt.

PERMEWAN, WRIGHT, and CO., Ltd., Grain and Produce Agents. Auc. Sales daily at Redfern.—Advt.

Ellis and Co., Live Stock and Produce Merchants—Sales of Hay, Chaff, etc., held at Redfern daily.—Advt.

HOMEBUSH MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S SALES.

SHEEP.

About 38,490 sheep and lambs were penned, and 42,095 advised for sale. The consignments were mainly in lots of 100 to 500 head, but included eight drafts of 1000 to 1300 head. The sheep comprised a larger proportion of shorn than woolly, and were chiefly of medium and useful quality. There was a sprinkling of prime woolly merinos, but extra prime were few and far between. The shorn comprised occasional pens of prime, and more ewes than wethers. Crossbreds were scarce, both woolly and shorn, and were mainly of fair to good quality, with odd pens of prime. There was the usual attendance of buyers, including exporters and the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Ltd. As the selection was not a very attractive one, exporters were not active at the opening. Competition was dull for medium and useful quality, and values were lower. Prime and extra prime, especially wethers, were firm at late rates. This tone generally prevailed throughout. Quotations: Prime merino (woolly) w 19/ to 20/6, extra prime to 21/3; good merino w and h (woolly) 14/ to 16/, medium 10/6 to 12/; prime merino e (woolly) 15/ to 16/6, extra prime 17/6 to 19/, odd pens to 22/; good merino e (woolly) 11/6 to 13/, medium and inferior 6/3 to 9/6; prime merino w (sh) 12/ to 13/6, extra prime 14/6 to 16/, good 9/6 to 11/, medium w and h (sh) 7/ to 8/6; prime merino e (sh) 10/ to 12/, extra prime 13/ to 14/, good 7/6 to 8/6, medium 4/ to 6/.

Sales:—

Maiden Bros.—H. Smith, Carraitsool, 11 e 20/, 12 17/; Cannonbar station, Miowera, 34 w 17/5, 101 e 14/8, 42 12/; F. T. Payne, Merah, 40 (shorn) 8/; O. J. Hardy, Burren, 45 e (shorn) 12/2; G. Hobson, Boggan Gate, 125 w (shorn) 14/0, 75 12/7; E. Reardon, Condobolin, 30 w 19/3, 49 w h 15/; H. A. Marsh, Grenfell, 35 e 13/9; Estate late J. Simpson, Warren, 207 e (shorn) 11/10 to 12/1, 102 9/1; S. J. Ellis, Narrabandal, 100 w 17/6, 53 16/2; Crouch and Sons, Condobolin, 48 w (shorn) 12/7, 31 10/9, 16 8/8, 73 e (shorn) 5/6; J. Salmon, Merah, 5 w 19/0, 30 h 15/, 128 e (shorn) 8/6, 18 8/; A. Salmon, 28 w h 15/0, 95 (shorn) 9/3, 24 6/10; A. E. Hunt, Nevertire, 78 w h (shorn) 10/, 28 w h 17/, 53 16/, 11 13/4; Ross Bros., Darlington, 503 w (shorn) 10/, 399 8/4 to 9/1, 179 6/2; F. W. Kayvett, Trangie, 180 17/, 60 14/6, 49 w 14/7, 23 12/2; Thompson and Byrnes, Darlington, 258 w (shorn) 7/, 58 xb (shorn) 10/2 to 10/6; W. Mill, Forbes, 228 w 17/3 to 17/5, 115 15/9, 6 e 15/9.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—Kennedy Bros., Coonamble, 346 w (shorn) 10/9, 289 9/5, 103 7/4 to 7/7; Southern agents, Lockhart, 146 w (shorn) 10/6, 79 8/5; Executors J. Graham, Bundure, 490 e (shorn) 6/8, 102 8/3; Southern agents, Lockhart, 99 w (shorn) 12/5 to 12/6.

Weaver and Perry.—J. J. O'Brien, Gilgandra, 645 w 20/ to 20/6, 355 18/6 to 18/7; W. Kirkby, Moree, 88 w 18/10, 75 16/1; Waddell and Leslie, Bourke, 200 w h 10/4, 145 14/2, 21 (shorn) 12/7, 24 9/8; executors A. S. C. Beveridge, Orange, 319 w (shorn) 12/10, 6 xb e (shorn) 14/8, 8 e (shorn) 10/6, 60 w (shorn) 10/11.

J. C. Young and Co.—L. S. Rix, Eton, 10 w (shorn) 10/9, 70 e 9/8; W. D. Gallagher, Bungendore, 9 w (shorn) 11/, 15 e (shorn) 6/6.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited.—J. C. Duncombe, 53 w 21/3, 6 18/6, 22 e 15/6; T. Ryan, 17 w 19/8, 30 10/5, 6 15/; J. Lehane, jun., 92 w 18/11, 48 e and w 18/4, 27 xb e 17/, 12 r 15/, 55 w 14/3, 226 e 14/1, 20 9/7, 164 9/; J. H. Tassell, 64 e and w 10/6, 74 w 16/0; Carson and Brown, 218 w 18/9, 111 16/6 to 16/7, 24 xb h 15/6; W. H. Ballantyne, 22 w 18/, 122 e 15/9 to 16/1, 66 12/3; G. Meers, 12 w 18/, 60 e 14/6, 10 11/; C. E. Gordon, 69 w 16/3; Northern agents, 83 e 16/1; W. Winter, 109 e 13/10, 44 11/3; A. M. Loder, 15 e (shorn) 13/7; S. J. Bowden, 12 w 13/, 21 e 12/; F. M. Russell, 100 w (shorn) 14/ to 14/1; Cope and Phillips, 50 h 13/; R. Mewton, 47 h (shorn) 12/, 173 e (shorn) 8/; Champion Brothers, 163 w (shorn) 12/4 to 12/5, 227 11/8 to 11/11, 381 e (shorn) 7/; J. Dixon, 104 e (shorn) 12/ to 12/8, 76 8/7; C. J. Weston, 137 w (shorn) 11/ to 11/8, 178 e (shorn) 7/5 to 7/6, 185 5/; S. Esther, 15 e (shorn) 11/3; W. T. Mitchell, 70 e 10/10; J. H. Brayshaw, 105 e (shorn) 9/8, 130 6/2; J. W. Graham, 30 w (shorn) 9/, 163 e (shorn) 8/10; P. Richardson, 10 e (shorn) 9/0; F. Smith, 42 e 9/1; J. Campbell, 89 e 9/; C. Ryan, 43 w (shorn) 8/2; D. E. Hooley, 22 e (shorn) 12/3; J. Cochrane, 50 e 7/5.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—G. W. Barnett, Hay, 180 e 13/ to 13/1, 19 0/6; F. Firth, Warren, 50 h (shorn) 8/8, 92 e (shorn) 8/6 to 8/8, 171 e h (shorn) 10/1, 21 r 13/.

William Inglis and Son.—J. L. Tulloch, Aberdeen, 35 xb e (shorn) 12/0, 30 e (shorn) 9/.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—E. A. and B. Doyle, Werris Creek, 106 w 18/9 to 18/11, 58 17/3, 5 16/; exors. late J. C. Hyrle, Nevertire, 256 w 17/3, 308 14/11, 77 13/; A. E. Hardy, Wee Waa, 120 w (shorn) 14/ to 14/8, 169 13/6 to 13/7; Guilfoyle and Moloney, Eton, 90 e (shorn) 10/6 to 10/7, 57 8/3; R. T. Hovenden, Dubbo, 31 xb higls (shorn) 10/, 84 e (shorn) 9/2, 85 7/; Northern agents, 107 rams and stags (shorn) 9/5; E. W. Moore, Barren, 100 e (shorn) 8/4.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—W. B. Croxon, Coonamble, 75 w 18/4, 45 e 17/5, 118 15/1, 16 12/4; E. G. Harvey, Cathundral, 10 e 17/, 17 h 14/11, 138 e 14/, 80 11/; A. J. Cummings, Darlington, 40 w 14/3, 17 xb e 12/, 26 e 11/; D. M'Innes, Darlington, 64 e 7/; G. Osborne, Wingen, 80 xb w (shorn) 12/9, 61 w (shorn) 10/10, 158 e (shorn) 8/6.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Co., Ltd.—J. K. Fleming, Aberdeen, 94 e 22/, 356 e 19/ to 19/1, 160 18/7 to 18/8; R. S. Sims, Eton, 55 e 14/9, 47 13/0, 21 (shorn) 8/; Belaringar Station, 70 e (sh) 11/4, 130 7/8 to 8/; W. Kiley, jun., Tumut, 34 e 12/9, 15 w 11/1, 34 e 9/11; Southern agents, Jerilderie, 17 e (sh) 8/1; P. Wall, Jerilderie, 41 e (sh) 8/2, 57 7/2; Moreland, Jerilderie, 18 e (sh) 9/3.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—I. Roberts, Narromine, 147 w 20/7, 147 19/; D. Charters, Woolabra, 281 w 10/8, 633 17/4 to 17/7, 119 15/9; F. J. Croaker, Breeza, 207 e 9/, 12 xb h 18/, 211 e 14/, 40 11/; W. Bull, Moree, 60 w 16/6, 31 w h 14/, 88 w 11/2; J. Brown, Trangie, 14 xb r 20/, 18 w 17/, 97 e 14/, 80 11/2, 81 h r 8/; J. Perry, Quirindi, 39 w 16/5, 50 xb e 12/9, 32 e 11/, 23 11/, 143 9/9; Walhallow Estate, Breeza, 233 e 12/, 132 6/3; W. Kyle, Carrathool, 71 e 8/0; J. Ryan, Jerilderie, 46 e 12/0, 7 10/, 33 (shorn) 7/8; J. Campbell and Sons, Carrathool, 124 e 10/, 417 8/6; J. Beggs, Carrathool, 100 w (shorn) 12/11, 38 11/, 13 r (shorn) 9/; E. Vickery and Sons, Eaton, 1158 w (shorn) 12/ to 12/7; Edgeroi Station, 177 e (shorn) 12/, 447 10/7; J. Wilson, Lockhart, 146 w (shorn) 10/6, 79 8/5; W. Gilligan, Coonamble, 50 w (shorn) 10/2; J. Gilligan, Coonamble, 94 e 8/; N. Bornholt, Whitton, 64 w (shorn) 11/6, 43 e (shorn) 7/10; western agents, Warren, 107 w and e (shorn) 11/ to 11/1, 89 8/6; T. Edols and Co., Ltd., Yarrabendai, 331 e (shorn) 10/3; C. Campbell, Carrathool, 16 e (shorn) 8/6; H. T. and F. Williams, Moree, 187 e (shorn) 11/10, 318 9/2.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—Estate late J. S. Vickery, 114 e 16/10, 716 13/9; J. M'Kay, 245 w 16/7, 38 14/; J. Lauder, 14 w 15/11, 68 e 14/6, 343 10/, 89 9/0; D. and W. Robertson, 27 e (shorn) 12/1, 33 (shorn) 12/, 20 8/, 170 7/; H. E. Kater and Son, 111 e (shorn) 10/, 20 w (shorn) 10/, 50 w (shorn) 9/4 to 9/7, 150 9/1; western agents, 101 e (shorn) 9/, 39 (shorn) 7/; W. P. Donohoe, 95 e (shorn) 7/5; J. Gleeson, 41 w (shorn) 10/6, 87 e (shorn) 4s; H. Kook and Son, 30 e (shorn), 10/, 270 8/1, 21 w 7/8, 41 e 7/; Haley Bros., 249 e (shorn) 8/, 42 7/1.

LAMBS.

There was a large supply of lambs penned—both crossbred and merino. The bulk were suckers, and included a good representation of prime and extra prime. Competition was brisk, and values were very firm at last Thursday's levels, while medium and very young and light were dull of sale, and showed little, if any, improvement on last Monday's reduced rates. Quotations:—Prime suckers and woolly lambs 12/6 to 14/6, extra prime 16/6 to 18/9, good suckers and shorn lambs 9/6 to 11/6, medium 5/ to 8/, young and light 8/ to 4/.

Maiden Brothers.—C. J. King, 6 18/, 340 17/1, 103 14/, 39 13/6; J. Mahony, 39 12/, 47 10/, 33 9/0 to 9/9; E. E. Doyle, 118 14/, 81 12/10; H. Smith, 19 17/3, 13 14/8, 22 10/3, 5 5/6; F. T. Payne, 137 11/5 to 11/7, 99 5/11 to 9/5, 48 8/; O. J. Hardy, 44 12/, 10 9/7; E. Reardon, 152 0/2, 124 4/3 to 4/4, 33 3/1, 18 11/8; H. A. Marsh, 28 13/, 146 13/5, 184 11/, 60 9/3 to 9/5; Crouch and Son, 84 6/, 63 4/1; J. Bulman, 62 33/0.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—Southern agents, 44 7/3, 80 4/6.

J. C. Young and Co.—W. Ferguson, 50 13/8, 317 11/6 to 11/9, 32 9/; W. D. Gallagher, 74 (shorn) 0/1; L. S. Rix, 10 10/, 85 9/2, 189 6/1.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—E. G. Harvey, 51 12/3, 202 10/, 88 8/, 40 6/9; D. McInnes, 10 13/ 20 10/.

William Inglis and Son.—J. L. Tulloch, 16 6/3, 30 7/ to 7/1.

Weaver and Perry.—Waddell and Leslie, 284 11/9, 263 7/3 to 9/.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—J. Lehane, jun., 20 15/, 43 11/, 31 10/; C. E. Gordon, 23 10/; W. T. Mitchell, 10 14/; S. Esther, 101 13/8, 84 10/; A. M. Loder, 32 13/7, 56 10/6 to 10/7; J. Ryan, 11 13/, 22 9/; D. E. Hooley, 93 13/, 95 9/6; J. Bowen, 46 12/2, 53 9/; J. C. Duncombe, 60 12/3, 48 9/ to 9/1; W. Winter, 25 12/; Carson and Brown, 18 11/0; Cope and Phillips, 31 12/; F. A. Dubois, 135 11/, 76 8/; E. Mewton, 21 11/, 31 6/8, 26 (shorn) 9/ to 9/1; S. J. Bowden, 30 11/, 35 7/; G. R. B. Meers, 37 10/, 20 7/; F. Smith, 24 12/, 10 10/; M. A. Strickland, 178 10/, 261 8/7; J. Cochrane, 49 0/, 43 0/1, 13 (shorn) 0/1; P. Richardson, 90 0/; P. Barrett, 200 8/ to 8/1; G. Wallis, 73 (shorn) 7/.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—G. B. Barnett, 440 9/5, 104 12/10; F. Firth, 71 6/6 to 7/0.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—G. B. Bowen, 110 13/6, 64 12/0, 62 11/6, 56 10/6; Guilfoyle and Moloney, 10 11/, 46 10/; R. T. Hovenden, 278 9/2, 117 6/; V. Hovenden, 220 8/ to 8/6.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Co., Ltd.—R. S. Sims, 140 10/1, 32 7/3 to 7/4; W. Kiley, jun., 52 4/0, 73 3/3; P. Wall, 10 (shorn) 3/6; Southern agents, Jerilderie, 41 (shorn) 8/4.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—F. J. Croaker, 117 18/, 196 16/6, 44 12/1, 20 5/6; W. Gilligan, 133 13/2 to 13/3, 118 11/1; Walhallow estate, 173 13/0 to 14/, 236 12/6, 130 9/3 to 9/4; J. Perry, 61 12/, 35 10/4, 37 8/7; J. Beggs, 39 10/7, 11 8/ to 8/6; W. C. Russ, 121 11/, 110 8/10; J. Shea, 63 14/1, 43 0/; W. F. Ogilvie, 256 8/8 to 9/1, 20 6/9 to 7/, 253 6/4 to 6/5; Western agents, Warren, 54 11/, 294 (sh) 8/3 to 8/5, 311 5/11 to 6/1; C. Campbell, 100 7/6 to 7/9; J. Brown, 20 9/6, 10 5/, 20 7/1 to 7/3, 112 0/8, 270 5/1; W. Kyle, 20 5/, 128 4/0 to 4/7; N. Bornholt, 99 8/, 161 5/3, 60 4/1.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—Estate late J. S. Vickery, 84 11/, 195 9/3 to 9/5, 32 7/; H. E. Kater and Son, 100 9/5; D. and W. Robertson, 35 7/.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 1106 cattle were yarded, out of 1393 head advised for sale. The consignments included 300 head of Queenslanders, and odd drafts from the south and west of this State, the balance coming from the northern districts. There was a sprinkling of prime medium weight and light bullocks and steers, with odd yards of prime heavy bullocks, the bulk being of medium and useful quality, with odd yards of inferior and light. About 180 cows and heifers were included in the yardings; there was a fair proportion of prime and odd choice beasts, with a good representation of useful quality. There was a full attendance of buyers, and, as the supply was well within the demand, the market opened to brisk competition at very firm values, especially for prime bullocks and steers. This tone prevailed throughout, closing strong. Quotations: Yards of prime bullocks, £11 to £12; yards of prime heavy bullocks, £12/10/ to £13/10/; yards of prime light bullocks and steers, £9 to £10; yards of medium bullocks and steers, £7 to £8; yards of medium and light steers, £6 to £6/10/; yards of prime cows, £7/10/ to £8/10; yards of extra prime cows, £9 to £9/15/; yards of good cows and heifers, £6 to £7; yards of medium and light cows and heifers, £4/10/ to £5/10. Best beef, 30/ per 100lb.

Maiden Brothers.—Bangheet station, Gravesend, 28 bullocks to £13/10/, avg £13/3/6; E. E. Doyle, Werris Creek, 20 steers to £6/14/, avg £5/18/6, 27 cows and heifers to £9/3/, avg £6/4/8.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—T. F. and J. Grills, 16 steers to £6/18, avg £6/10, 6 cows to £6/15/, avg £4/15/.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—Osborne Bros., Hay, 54 steers to £8/1/, avg £6/15/, 4 cows avg £7/3/3, 7 heifers at £5/14; estate T. L. Learmonth, Bringagee, 50 steers to £7/15/, avg £6/11/8; L. Brooke, Carrathool, 4 cows, avg £5/3/3, 3 bulls to £11/2, avg £8/10/8.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—A. G. F. Munro, Moree, 110 bullocks and steers to £10/10/, avg £9/7/1.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Estate F. E. Body, Trangie, 77 bullocks to £8/19/, avg £8/5/1; Exors. V. J. Dowling, Gular, 30 cows to £9/16/, avg £8/1/.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—W. F. Buchanan, Narrabri, 88 bullocks to £10, avg £8/15/, 10 cows to £7, avg £6/12/4; J. M'Donald, Moree, 40 steers (station bred) to £11/17/, avg £11/5/6; Estate, R. F. M. Eckford, Woolabra, 31 steers to £8/19/, avg £8/7/0.

Weaver and Perry.—Tilboroo station, Bourke, 184 bullocks to £13/3/6, avg £9/14/2, 15 cows and heifers to £9/15/, avg £7/17/7; W. Onus, Gravesend, 6 cows £7/17/; local owners, 4 cows to £6/8/, avg £6/2/9.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—Walhallow estate, Breeza, 80 bullocks to £12, avg £11/8/10; A.A. Company, Willow Tree, 99 bullocks to £9/12/, avg £8/17/9; H. E. A. and V. White, Scone, 44 cows to £9, avg £8/11/1; J. A. Krause, Milbrulong, 1 bull at £5, 1 steer at £5/6/, 4 cows to £2, avg £1/7/6; A. G. Krause, 4 bullocks to £3/3/, avg £2/17/9.

J. C. Young and Co.—Western agents, 44 steers to £6/15/, avg £5/15.

TOTAL SALES LAST MONTH.

During the month of October last the various agents at Homebush sold upwards of 75,749 sheep (including lambs) in excess of the previous month, and no less than 122,971 head in excess of October last year. The sales are as follow:—

	Sheep.	Cattle.
October, 1907	320,098	9,078
September, 1907	244,350	10,097
October, 1906	197,127	7,433

CITY YARDS.

Ellis and Co. report at their City Corporation Yards, and their Railway Stock Saleyards:—Milch Cows, £3 to £12 each; fat cows, £5/10/ to £9/5/ each. Fat calves: We sold 73; yearlings 50/, choice weighty 74/, prime vealers 37/, choice weighty 48/, medium 28/, light 20/, small 15/, others from 5/ each. Fat pigs: We sold 173; baconers 48/ to 70/, backfatters 90/ to 100/, extra weighty to 130/; porkers, light 17/, medium 26/, weighty 35/; suckers 6/ to 11/ each. Store pigs, unsaleable.

Joseph Leeds and Company report having sold nearly 250 pigs, realising up to £5 for backfatters, £3/11/6 for baconers, and 34/6 for porkers; also several consignments of calves at top market rates.

Messrs. Maiden Bros. report having sold 465 pigs at an average of £1/17/4 each. We also sold several lots of calves at top rates.

Hill, Clark, and Co., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., J. C. Young and Co., also report sales at the city yards.

A. M'Ilree and Co. report usual sale of milch cows on Wednesday, October 30, at their Horse and Jockey Yards, Homebush, as follows:—Thirty yarded, to usual attendance of buyers; owing to continued dry weather competition was not keen, and only extra good cows brought satisfactory rates. Best milkers on second calf made £9/10/ to £10/10/, good cows £5 to £6/10/, aged cows £2 to £4/10/, few cheaper, dry cows £5/8/ to £6/16/.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Sales were held yesterday at the Sydney Wool Exchange, Bridge-street, when the quantity catalogued totalled 8877 bales, and the sales, including private transactions, amounted to 9163 bales, as under:—

Broker.	Offerings.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately, ex Catalogue.	Privately, Uncatalogued.	Total Sales.
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.	3,780	3,459	30	640	4,129
Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.	5,097	4,738	296	—	5,034
Totals	8,877	8,197	326	640	9,163

An exceptionally keen demand ruled for super wools, for which extreme rates were paid, the record price of /17½ being secured for one line. All good, well-prepared wools were selling at the best point of the season.

The Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., offered a good selection, including a few important and higher-class clips in the grease, and a choice line of Queensland scoured wool. The record for greasy wool was eclipsed by the sale of Cooyal/Mudgee, which sold to /17½ for 4 A com h w e, 4 A clo making /17, 9 A com e and 4 A clo h w e /16½, 5 B com /10, 19 com and clo /15¼, 9 B com e /14½, the whole of the brand realising a very high average. /17½ stands as the record price for greasy wool since the boom year. The clip showed its usual exceptional quality, being fine, soft, free, in excellent condition, and free from fault. Among the principal other sales were the following:—JMS/Burindi (Barraba), 78 sup at /14½, 17 1st clo at /14¼, 42 1st com at /14½, 24 sup at /14, 138 at /13½, an exceptionally attractive wool, showing special fineness, perfectly free, and in excellent condition, well classed, and carefully skirted; JG/B (Barraba), 40 w e at /12½, 10 h at /12, fine, free, a little dull; JP in block/Eulella (Tamworth), 15 w at /13, 31 h w e at /12½, 11 e at /12½, fine, soft, a little short, good condition, mostly free; HS over Gcurie, 24 com e at /1¼, 14 pcs at /11, fair condition, sound, free, some short fleeces; Dreelwarrina (Gilgandra), 22 1st com at /13½, 35 1st com e at /13½, 11 2nd at /12½, 10 2nd com at /12½, soft, good quality, free, sound, light condition, skirty; Polldero!, 2/ e at /13½, 22 pcs at /12½, good condition, bright, free; BB/Grattai/Mudgee, 4 sup at /14¼, 18 1st com at /14½, 19 sup com at /14, very fine, soft, bright, free; Capel/Gournama (Warialda), 7 A com at /13½, 12 B at /11, 36 at /12½, 5 at /12¼, well grown, bright, good condition, sound; EM (conj)/Collingwood (Murrumburrah), 20 1st at /12½, 22 at /12½, 9 at /12½, very fine, soft, bright, free, some a little short; Coppymurrumbilla/IB (Moree), 13 1st at /13, 20 1st at /12½, 7 at /12¼, 40 at /12, a further consignment, deep, in good condition; Durham Court/B/angle/NSW (Manilla), 115 1st at /10½, 13 2nd at /11, 51 1st clo at /10, mostly well grown, in very good condition, but carrying a large quantity of burr; Cooper/Quambone, 92 1st com e at /12½, 21 necks at /11¼, 40 1st pcs at /11½, 100 pcs at /9½, 10 2nd com at /11, a further consignment, mostly well grown and sound, but some dusty and burry; ATM/Gilienbine, 37 h o at /12¼, 12 at /12, 9 necks at /11½, 7 lbs at /12, fine, red tinged, free, soft, a little short; JF/Drumlisk (Manilla), 15 h at /12½, 63 w e at /12½, good quality and condition, sound, some a little seedy; SOMC/Maxwelton in block (Moree), 22 A e at /12½, 27 A h at /12¼, good condition, sound, free, a little short; JH/D (Demondrille), 10 1st cbk at /14, 4 2nd cbk at /13½, fine, soft, attractive condition, good staple; GX/—, 5 1st com at /12½, deep, little earthy tip, burry; HH/Happy Valley (Nevertire), 55 h e at /11½, good staple and condition, burry; DP/Innisfail (Gurley), 13 1st com at /12½, fine, soft, good condition, a little skirty; JH/Melroe (Coolah), 8 AA w e at /12½, 7 A w h e at /12¼, 14 bkn and pcs at /10½, bright, soft, good condition, free; Warrenbri/Wee Waa, 13 1st at /11, 15 at /10½, good staple, a little dusty tip and burry. Scoured: JW/The Grove (Winton, Q.), 61 A and B at /24, bright, free, perfectly scoured; BRC/Happy Valley (Q.), 4 1st clo at /23¼, 6 1st com at /23, fine, soft, well scoured.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., submitted a catalogue, the selection in which consisted for the most part of wools in the grease, with a small display of very attractive lots of scoureds. The display included a number of very attractive well-prepared clips, as well as several lines that were burry, tender, or otherwise faulty. In the grease the highest price was /15½, paid for 12 A h of WEC/Wndmre (Young), 7 B h making /13½, and 7 1st pcs /12½, the wool being of good even quality, very bright, light, and free. Other sales of note were:—JD/D/Pearcefield (Dalton), 16 h w e at /13½, good quality, splendid staple, bright, and free; Barry (Nundle), 28 e at /13, 12 w at /13, good quality, bright, light, free; JC (Moree), 38 A h at /13½, 13 pcs at /12½, 7 B h at /12, very nice quality, light, and free; D/OM (Cobar), 38 w at /12½, 77 at /11½, very nice even quality, medium staple, free, well prepared; GC/Jerula (Cowra), 18 1st at /12½, good even quality, medium staple, carefully prepared; BMO (Gundagai), 9 AA com at /13½, 37 D com at /12½, 6 clo at /12, 21 necks at /12½, bright, shafty, well grown, in splendid order, well prepared; good even quality, in splendid order, well prepared; GB/P in dia/Wybong (Scone), 17 sup at /13½, 15 2nd at /13, 19 necks at /11½, good even quality, bright, good staple, carefully prepared; Bolygamy (Wyalong), 84 1st h w e at /12½, good shafty broad staple, free, carrying fair amount of weight, well prepared; Gamboola (Molong), 16 w at /13, 32 h at /13½, 17 e at /12½, 29 w e at /12¼, 37 w e at /12, very nice even quality, bright, attractive, free, carrying a fair amount of weight; R/half-circle/Birnganbil/Mudgee, 16 A w e at /13, 7 at /12¼, 4 A e at /12, 6 B w e at /12½, 10 B h e at /12½, excellent quality, medium staple, free, carefully classed, carrying a fair amount of grease; NWK/Nyrang (Molong), 13 A e at /14½, 10 A h at /14½, 8 A w at /13½, 30 pcs at /12½, very bright, attractive, well grown, good even quality, carefully prepared; H/Junee, 5 1st at /12½, good even quality, medium staple, free, carefully prepared; GILL/Moonby (Tamworth), 24 sup at /13½, 1d at /12, very nice quality, good condition, fair staple, few seeds; B/Wallangra (Inverell), 5 at /14½, bright, light, good quality; GR/Girrahween (Coonamble), 10 1st at /13, 9 1st at /12½, good even quality, bright, well classed. Scoured: JR/Wycheproof (Brewarrina), 13 1st com at /23, very nice even quality, good colour, carrying fair weight.

GEELONG WOOL.

GEELONG, Thursday.

Dalgety and Co. Limited, report:—Brokers held their second sale of the season to-day, when catalogues totalling 5490 bales were submitted to the largest attendance of buyers ever seen in this market. Competition was keen throughout, and there was a distinct improvement on last week. Prices can be quoted decidedly in sellers' favour. Owing to the demand for railway trucks in moving starving stock, a considerable quantity of the wool that should have arrived in time for these sales has not yet reached the stores, and this accounts for the smallness of the offering all round. We will bring forward a full catalogue for next Thursday, which will include some of the well-known western districts' clips. Amongst some of our chief offerings to-day in merinos was a portion of the Moffat Berrambool (W. Moffat, Esq., Wickcliffe), prices for which we give in comparison with last year's:—1907—super com, /15½, first com /14½, second com /13½, broken /12; 1906—super com, /14½, first com /14, second com /12½, broken /10½.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties, Shares, etc.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianoforte, Furniture, Carpets, Electroplate, Glassware, Cutlery, Theodolite, Motor Bicycle, etc.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At the Rooms, at 2, Pianos, Organ, Furniture, Carpets, Cutlery, Gas Stove, etc.

BARNARD and CO.—At Willoughby-street, Milson's Point, at 11, Piano, Furniture, Electroplate, Cutlery, Sewing Machine, etc.

O. I. KEMPTHORNE.—At 289 Pitt-street, at 11, Furniture, etc.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS.—At 13 Lane Cove-road, at 11, Furniture, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At the Rooms, at 11, Gold and Silver Watches, Diamond Rings, Jewellery, etc.

M. GOULSTON and CO.—At 54 Abercrombie-street, city, at 11, Groceries, Drapery, Scales and Weights, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2, Furniture, Clothing, etc.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON.—At 112 Abercrombie-street, at 11, Sewing Machine, Furniture, etc.

J. LEAN.—At 117 Regent-street, at 2.30, Clothing, Furniture, etc.

STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

G. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30, 11, and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness; at Camperdown Yards, at 2, Horses.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Saleyards, at 1, Vealers, Porkers, Bacon, Cheese, Eggs, Honey, Fruit, etc.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At the Rooms, at 1, Pigs, etc.; at 2, Eggs, Butter, etc.; at 2.30, Poultry, etc.

C. J. TURNER.—At the Rooms, at 1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, etc; at 1.30, Eggs, Poultry, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. HAINS.—At rear 64 Macleay-street, Potts Point, at 11, Building Material, etc.

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ELECTRICITY IN COAL MINES.

DANGER FROM GAS.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The board of inquiry investigating the use of electricity in gaseous mines continued its sittings at the Courthouse to-day, Judge Murray presiding.

James Barr, manager of the Co-operative and Rhondda collieries, Newcastle district, stated that the electric plant at Rhondda was installed on Jan. 19. They had two Sullivan and one Goodman electric coal-cutting machines in use. The mine was worked with open lamps. There was no special danger from flashes or sparking. They had six or seven blowouts this year, due to various causes. Breakdowns in the reel cable he attributed to being run over by skips. Rhondda was not a dusty mine. They had no trouble with machines heating. Their troubles were of a mechanical nature. No shocks were reported, but on one occasion a machine was found to be "alive," but the trouble could not be located, and remedied itself. He considered electrical work in mines most essential to their proper working.

Duncan M'Geachie, superintendent of the Caledonian Coal Company's collieries, stated that he had held the position for two and a half years. Prior to that he was manager for the company for 12 years, and had previous large experience in mining. They had electrical plants at West Wallsend, Killingworth, Waratah, Aberdare, and Aberdare Extended. There were two Jeffrey coal-cutting machines at Aberdare Extended. At Aberdare they had three 3¼in circumference steel wire ropes down the shaft, to which electric cables were attached. The cables at West Wallsend, Waratah, and Killingworth were carried down the shaft. Electricity he regarded as being of greater value than compressed air. He would not use electric coal-cutters at Killingworth on account of the general conditions of the mine, as gas was given off. Everything was very dry and dusty. At Waratah they had safety lamps. He would have no objection to putting electric coal-cutters there. He would use them in West Wallsend in some places, but not in others. So far as he knew of them he would use electric coal-cutters in Mount Kembla, South Bulli, and other southern districts collieries, but considered it would be madness to introduce them into Helensburgh. If gas could be found on safety lamps in the smallest proportion he would stop electric coal-cutters at once. Gas was given off at Killingworth in such quantities as to warn him not to put electric coal-cutters there. Their ventilation was 182,000ft per minute, and if the fan stopped for an hour they would have to be very careful in their examination, because gas would be found.

The inquiry was adjourned until to-morrow, when it is expected to conclude.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A number of disparaging statements have appeared in the press lately with reference to the holding of Sunday concerts at the Exhibition Building. In your account of the deputation from the churches which waited on the Lord Mayor on the subject of Sunday entertainments generally, and as the only Sunday concerts which have been given in the Exhibition Building were given under our auspices on January 13, 20, and 27, and February 4, we trust you will afford us space to defend ourselves from the imputations cast upon us. The statements that thousands gathered near the building when these concerts were held, and that disgraceful scenes occurred, we would mildly describe as "verbal inaccuracies," and we defy anyone to prove them. A large number of police were present on each occasion, and we believe a report was prepared, which we may presume was favourable, as no complaint was made to us.

As to the character of the entertainments, a programme was submitted to the town clerk before each concert took place, and approved by him.

No Sunday afternoon entertainments of any description have been given in the Exhibition Building for the last three or four years—certainly not during our tenancy—and we refused permission to the Vice-Regal Band to practise there on Sunday morning out of deference to the churches in the neighbourhood.

The reverend gentlemen who comprised the deputation will no doubt be pleased to hear that the profit derived from the concerts was so small that they would not warrant a repetition.

I am, etc.,

Oct. 28. GEORGE BRUNS, Secretary.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As the pioneer of the Sunday afternoon classical concerts given in the Sydney Town Hall, I feel sure you will grant me space in your valuable journal to reply in my humble way to the comments made by the deputation that waited upon the Lord Mayor on Friday anent the above, also in absolute condemnation of Sunday entertainment. The Rev. C. A. White, president of the Evangelical Council, said: "The deputation represented religious and moral interests; those who were striving to uplift the tone of the community from a moral point of view," etc., etc., and other reverend gentlemen spoke in the same strain. Now, Sir, to be brief and to the point, I claim that since I started these Sunday entertainments in the Town Hall, some four years ago, I have preached as good a sermon by the aid of the Almighty gifted composers, such as Wagner, Tchaikowsky, Liszt, Berlioz, Rossini, Verdi, Mozart, and a band of willing performers, such as I have in the Vice-regal Band, etc.—in point of morality and elevating influences, all tending to uplift and educate the mind in the path of righteousness and godliness—as any of the gentlemen comprising the deputation, or any other of the cloth that lives on the face of the earth. One woman speaker had the temerity to assert that she knew that thousands of young women and men had been ruined by the Sunday entertainments. The reply to this I will leave to the public, feeling sure that it is better left to their judgment in silence than using your columns for such a purpose. Canon Boyce says that there is no demand for these entertainments. May I refer him to the fact that at all the recitals given by my band the Town Hall officials invariably close the doors a full quarter hour before the advertised hour of commencing, owing to the crowded state of the building. The Church of England's Archbishop wrote to the effect that "his sympathy was in anything that will make for the better observance of the Sabbath." That was from the head of one-half of the community, in a spiritual sense. May I ask where was the spiritual head of the other half of the public, and, in conclusion, would like to know why the Roman Catholic section is never associated with these puritanical advocates? They, I understand, believe in rational and intellectual recreation after their worship on Sunday. His Majesty the King and Queen Alexandra frequently attend Sunday concerts in London, and the present Lord Mayor of London is the president of the Sunday League, a body of over one million members. It seems very hard for the members of the bands who have given such undoubted pleasure to their thousands of patrons in the Town Hall of a Sunday (many times not taking sufficient money to pay expenses, to say nothing of a fee to the performers) to be dubbed purveyors of immoral ideas, and inferentially a curse to the community.

I trust the City Council, when called upon to discuss the matter, will not stultify itself by sympathising with such an extreme, one-sided view of Sunday entertainment as expressed by the deputation above named.

I am, etc.,

Oct. 28. LEWIS DE GROEN.

Last year was a record one for ocean travel. The gross number of British and Irish outgoing passengers was 577,737, the greatest ever recorded, and an increase of 98,000, or 21 per cent. on the figures for 1905, which was itself a record year. The balance outward of British and Irish passengers was 194,671. This is taken as representing the number of emigrants who left England—a larger number than has been recorded since 1887. Of those, 91,263 went to British North America, 85,941 to the United States, and 9920 to Australia and New Zealand. By way of make-weight, 3160 returned from South Africa.

The central pages of the current issue of the "Sydney Mail" are given to W. Cutler, winner of the King's, chaired by his admirers. It is worthy of a good frame.—Advt.

THROWN FROM A LOCOMOTIVE.

FIREMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

RICHMOND, Thursday.

William Matthews, aged 38, locomotive cleaner, at Richmond, met with a very serious accident about midnight last night, while acting as fireman of the Richmond to Clyde goods train. When shunting at Riverstone, a truck came into violent collision with the engine Matthews was on, jerking him off his seat on to the permanent way, and causing serious injuries. He was thrown violently to the ground, striking the rails. His arm was broken in two places, and he received an ugly wound on the face. He also sustained serious internal injuries. He was removed as quickly as possible to Parramatta Hospital for treatment.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

DISSATISFIED WAVERLEY ELECTORS.

A section of the ratepayers of Waverley, representing Lawson Ward, held a meeting last night at Lovett's Hall, at which ex-Alderman Carter presided. There were not many present. The purpose of the gathering was, according to the convenor, to instil interest into the apathetic ratepayer and elector. This course was doubly necessary in view of the forthcoming municipal elections. If they had proper representation in the council they would not have the scandalous state of affairs which they had seen and read about. A change in existing conditions could only be brought about by the proper exercise of votes.

Mr. T. Jessep intended to take a decided interest in the Waverley municipal elections, and though he had been asked to contest several of the wards he was willing to wait developments before he would decide. Without in any way disparaging the present aldermen, there should be a change. Waverley was one of the most important, and at the same time one of the worst managed, boroughs in the metropolitan area.

Ex-Alderman Carter stated that he had not made up his mind, but if he were to consult his own feelings he would not seek election. Although the new Act gave increased rating power, the borough, under sound administration, should be able to pay its way without increasing the ratepayers' burdens.

A resolution was passed that the Lawson Ward Ratepayers and Electors' Progress Association be formed.

Those present formed themselves into a committee to carry out detail work in connection with the approaching elections.

HORNSBY.

At a meeting of Hornsby ratepayers, held last night, it was decided to ask the local shire council to endeavour to have the Metropolitan Fire Brigade extended to Hornsby. It was also decided to ask for street gas lamps.

BUILDING TORPEDO BOATS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I notice in your issue of the 25th inst. that the Commonwealth is being honoured by a visit from Professor Biles, of the Glasgow University, and also that the visit is to be a "meteoric" one. Professor Biles, no doubt, like many other august personages, will return home to the "old country" thoroughly informed as to our resources as far as the laying of the foundations of an Australian navy is concerned.

In a previous issue of your paper the Professor made some remarks re our capabilities as far as the building of torpedo boats and destroyers goes, and in which he seemed to question our abilities in this direction. If my memory does not mislead me I think that the two torpedo boats Avernus and Acheron were built in Sydney some 25 years ago, and in point of speed and efficiency compared favourably with anything of the same class at that time. I don't remember who built the boats, but I think P. N. Russell built the engines.

Professor Biles may not be aware that there are dozens, or possibly scores of engineers, shipwrights, and boilermakers in the Commonwealth, particularly in this State, who served their apprenticeship on the Clyde, Thames, and Tyne, where the majority of the torpedo boat destroyers have been built. Palmer and Co., of Jarrow, and Messrs. R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie, and Co., of Hebburn-on-Tyne, have during the last 10 years built at least 40 of these craft, and having worked in both yards on the construction of some of them, I speak with some knowledge of the class of work in them. Of course, as far as many of the present shipbuilders' plants are concerned they would have to be considerably augmented, as a special quality of materials is used in this class of work. The engines and boilers are also designed to combine a maximum of strength with a minimum of weight. The raw material we have in great abundance. The main armament of course is the torpedo, and as we have produced one Brennan, it is within the bounds of possibility that we might be able to dig up another. As to the quick-firers, I think it is imperative that a gun factory should be started at once, and also one for small arms and ammunition, and it is the duty of our legislators to urge this matter to the utmost, or we shall have a sad awakening some day. Professor Biles is credited with the remark that the most important feature about a navy is its personnel, and that you must have trained sailors. In the old sense of the term, as far as the destroyer is concerned, the sailor is a back number, and the most important man at the present juncture is he who can shoot straightest, and the next man of importance is the "man below," who has to keep things going at all costs, and also take the chance of getting scalded to death or drowned like a rat in a box. I thoroughly hold with the Professor that the torpedo vessel affords the best training for youngsters in the navy, and that the torpedo vessel is an efficient means of defence; in fact, in the opinion of many, the best. But I think that the destroyers should have a much wider range, so as to enable them to steam at least from Adelaide to Fremantle. I am, etc.,

Tingha, Oct. 27. W. T. A.

THE IRON INDUSTRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Having been intimately connected with the manufacture of steel in England, I have read with interest the correspondence on the subject in your columns.

With regard to Sandford, Limited, I have little to say; they are producing iron and steel with modern appliances, and by well-proved methods, practically and commercially. Messrs. Heskett and Moore, however, would, I think, do well to back up their statements of what they can do with figures showing what they have done, if they wish them to carry weight with the public and practical men. A few years ago they were showing samples of the metal made at the South Melbourne works; since then how many tons have they produced, or put on the market? According to their pamphlets, the ore used will have to undergo a preliminary crushing, in order that the gangue may be separated from the iron oxide by magnetic or mechanical means; what will this add per ton to the cost of finished material?

Can Messrs. Moore and Heskett tell us what the ton life of the hearth, the daily output, and costs of crushing, say, a furnace of ten tons capacity, would be? Have they proved in actual practice that they can turn out steel of .1 or .8 carbon at will, with a variation within .1 per cent.?

In view of the known difference that exists in the mechanical tests of steels of similar composition, but made by different processes—for instance, the acid Bessemer and basic open hearth—it would be interesting to know how steel made by the "direct process" compares with other steels. Can they give us any information?

Remembering the experiences of Henry Bessemer, no thinking man can, offhand, regard the process as impracticable, nor on the other hand can it be called a success because a few tons, or less, of steel have been made, and a patent taken out. This is not the first direct process Mr. Heskett has founded, but his earlier attempt has not revolutionised the steel trade. Is there anything to show that his later efforts will be more successful? I am, etc.,

STEEL.

"Hodgsons," the celebrated firm of auctioneers, who recently attained their centenary, have sold over 25,000,000 books during the hundred years. The exact number of catalogues which the firm have issued is 4117. Since the foundation of the house three generations of Hodgsons have mounted the rostrum. The first was Mr. John Hodgson. The second was his son, Mr. H. Hill Hodgson, who retired in 1900, and left his two sons, Mr. J. E. Hodgson and Mr. Sidney Hodgson, to carry on the business.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

THE SHARE MARKET.

The speculative spirit was not very pronounced in the market yesterday morning. The fact that London cables showed lukewarm quotations for Australian silver, copper, and tin shares by the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday, and also announced a decline in the price of copper from £64 to £63, tin from £150 to £145, and lead from £18/7/6 to £18/5/, as well as the knowledge that it was settling day in London, caused speculators to hold their hands for the present. Hence the limited amount of business recorded.

In the copper section, Mount Molloy's receded from 11/ to 10/, consequent on a notice being posted in the vestibule that the directors of the company have decided to suspend smelting operations for a fortnight hence, "pending an improvement in the metal market, and the completion of the railway." Lloyd Copper shares sold at 6/4 for London delivery. Budgery Mines (paid), eased from 4/2½ to 4/, Wallaroo and Moonta receded from 37/9 to 36/3, some holders being rather depressed at the fluctuating price in copper. O.K. Copper also felt the pinch of the weaker tone prevailing, the shares falling from 6/4 to 5/4.

The business done in silver shares was on a limited scale. Whilst B.H. Junction North and B.H. South Blocks commanded good support, B.H. Block 14 (pref.) eased a fraction. The quotations for the other leading Barrier mines, such as B.H. Souths, B.H. Proprietary, and B.H. Block 10, were satisfactory.

Tin shares were out of court. In gold stocks Mount Davids were inclined to be weaker. Associated Gold Dredging improved a fraction, whilst New Hillgrove remained unaltered.

The afternoon was almost a blank, for the amount of business transacted was insignificant. Copper was out of court altogether, but the little business recorded in silver shares was on sound lines. In tin stocks Gilmores weakened still further, the same being the case with Mount Davids in regard to gold mines.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s. d.	Sellers. £ s. d.
COPPER.		
Bogan River, contributing	—	0 4 0
Budgery Mines	0 3 8	0 3 11
Ditto, contributing	—	0 2 6
Chillagoe	0 5 0	0 5 3
Girilambone Mining	0 0 6	—
Glassford Creek	0 0 4	0 0 5
Grafton	1 5 0	—
Hampden-Cloncurry, paid	0 9 9	0 10 0
Lloyd Copper	0 6 6	0 6 8
Lobb's Hole	0 8 6	0 10 0
Ditto, contributing	0 5 0	0 6 6
M'Gregor-Cloncurry, paid	0 4 2	0 4 6
Mount Boppy, paid	—	0 4 6
Ditto, contributing	—	0 3 0
Mount Cannindah	0 1 1	0 1 4
Mount Cuthbert	—	0 0 0
Mount Elliott	2 10 0	2 16 0
Mount Molloy	0 10 0	0 10 3
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 7 8	0 8 2
North Nymagee	0 1 6	0 1 11
O.K.	0 5 3	0 5 4
Queen Bee	0 10 0	0 12 0
Ditto North, contributing	0 0 2½	—
Wallaroo and Moonta	1 16 0	1 17 0
TIN.		
Dalziell's Tin Mines	0 1 7	0 2 1
Gilmore	0 6 0	0 6 3
Vulcan	0 5 10	0 6 1
SILVER.		
New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 19 10½	1 0 6
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 19 6	3 0 3
Ditto Block 10	3 8 0	3 11 0
Ditto, Block 14	1 2 0	—
Ditto, preference	1 1 6	1 2 0
B. H. Junction	0 5 0	0 5 9
B. H. Junction, North	1 1 10½	1 2 6
B. H. South	4 8 0	4 10 0
B. H. South, contributing	3 19 9	4 0 0
B.H. South Blocks	0 17 4½	0 18 0
C.S.A. Mines, paid	0 15 3	1 0 0
Sulphide Corporation (ordinary)	0 10 6	0 11 0
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 6 3	0 6 6
Harden	0 19 0	1 1 0
Harden Central, paid	0 2 6	0 3 3
Ditto, contributing	0 1 0	0 1 4
Harden West	0 1 10	0 2 2
Ditto, contributing	—	0 0 6
Mount David	0 4 5	0 4 6
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 0 6	0 0 9
Occidental	—	0 7 0
Sunlight	0 1 1	0 1 3
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	—	0 5 0
Araluen Central	0 4 6	—
Ditto, contributing	0 8 6	—
Associated Gold Dredging	0 4 11	0 5 0
Bourke's Hill Tin	0 8 0	—
Buckland River, South Extended	0 2 0	—
Cope's Creek	—	0 7 6
Elrington	—	0 2 0
Ovens Valley	—	0 6 0
Paddock Swamp, contributing	—	0 7 0
Reform Tin, paid	—	0 4 0
Tingha Tin	—	0 7 0
Turon River	0 7 0	0 9 0
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	—	1 9 6
Queensland.		
Charters Towers, etc.		
Bonnie Dundee	0 0 1	—
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	—	0 0 4
Kelly's Queen Block	—	0 2 6
Mount Morgan	3 8 6	3 11 0
Ruby	0 1 0	—
Victoria and Caledonia Block	—	0 0 6
Victory	0 1 3	0 2 0
Gympie.		
Columbia Extended	0 1 0	0 1 10
Columbia Smithfield	—	0 1 3
Great Northern, contributing	0 6 3	0 7 0
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1	—	0 1 1
North Smithfield	—	0 7 0
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	—	0 1 0
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 2 6	0 3 6
South Great Eastern, No. 2	0 8 6	—
South Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	—	0 1 0
Victoria.		
Hustler's Reef	1 5 0	—
Western Australia.		
Associated	—	0 16 6
Chaffer's	0 0 6	0 0 8
Great Boulder	1 3 0	1 4 6
Ditto, No. 1	0 3 10½	0 4 1
Ditto, Perseverance	—	0 6 9
Hainault	—	0 10 0
Kalgurli South, London register	0 7 6	—
Queensland Menzies	—	0 0 2½
Queen Margaret	0 3 0	—

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—"Lloyd's" Copper, 6/4, London delivery; Budgery Mines, paid, 4/; Mount Molloys, 10/; Wallaroo and Moonta, 36/, 36/3; O.K. Copper, 5/4.

Silver.—B.H. Block 14 (pref.), 22/6; B.H. Junction North, 22/, 22/1½, 22/3, 22/1½; B.H. South Blocks, 17/6.

Tin.—Nil.

Gold.—New Hillgrove, 9/9; Associated Gold Dredging, 4/11; Mount David, 4/7½; Columbia Extended, 1/3, 1/4; Boulder No. 1, 4/.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Chillagoe, 5/; Wallaroo and Moonta, 36/6; McGregor, 4/7.

Silver.—B.H. Proprietary, 60/; B.H. South, contg., 80/, 80/6; B.H. South, paid, 90/.

Tin.—Gilmore Tin, 6/3, 6/1.

Gold.—Mount David, 4/6½, 4/6; Columbia Extended, 1/6.

MINING NOTES.

In London, on Wednesday, copper was quoted at £63, a decline of £1; tin at £145, a fall of £5; and lead, £18/5/, a decline of 2/6.

It is reported that at 210ft in the Havilah mine, the reef is 4ft wide, and worth 3dwt. At 160ft the reef is 12in, and assays 10dwt; at 100ft the lode is 2ft, and worth 1oz.

According to the latest computation, the Associated Northern Blocks Mine (W.A.) has 149,181 short tons of ore in reserve, "estimated" to contain 91,804oz of gold.

The directors of the Phoenix (Victoria) Gold Dredging Company have declared a dividend (No. 27) of 1/ per share, payable on November 8. The transfer books will be closed from November 2.

For the week ended October 26, the British Broken Hill Company treated 2247 tons of ore for 382 tons of concentrates, which contained 10,109oz of silver, and 234 tons of lead.

The ore return of the North Mount Farrell Company (Tas.) for the week ended October 19 was 30 tons of firsts and 350 tons of seconds. During the week, for 65 hours, 350 tons of ore were treated for 35 tons of concentrates.

The dredge master of the Reform Tin Dredging Company reports for the week ending October 25: "Alterations been made to position of nozzle pump and engine; condenser has arrived, and will be placed in position during coming week."

A report regarding recent developments in the Great Fingall Consolidated (W.A.), shows:—No. 14: North level, reef 57in, worth 23/; south level, 68in, 26/. No. 13 level: 44in, 27/; No. 12 level winze: 41in, 19/. No. 11 rise: 20in, 20/.

During last week the Cope's Creek dredge worked 115½ hours, treating overburden only. The plant had a very good run, and is working satisfactorily. Next week will be occupied in blowing in the concentrates, and a fair yield is expected. Dry weather continues.

A telegram from the Barrambie Ranges mine (W.A.) states there is a splendid supply of water; there is no change in the stopes; the mill is running full time, and the battery plates are looking well. In the engine shaft of the Barrambie South mine, the lode is 2ft wide, and shows a little gold.

There is no change to report in the 300ft level stopes of the Smith's Creek Tin mine, Queensland. The south end of the 200ft level stopes is said to be looking well, but in the north end the lode is poor. For the week ended October 26, 518 tons were raised, and 206 tons dumped, whilst the mill treated 312 tons for a yield of 6 tons of black tin.

Work at the No. 2 South Great Northern G.M. Company (Gympie), was started on Wednesday, October 9, since when 36ft of old timber have been taken out, and new timber put in the shaft. The water was lowered 25ft, total to the water 55ft. It is expected to have the water all bailed out by the end of October, or early next month.

Mr. R. N. Kirk, local secretary of the O.K. Copper Mines Development Syndicate, has issued the following circular to shareholders on the Sydney register of that company:—"Please note that a dividend of 1/ per share is now payable on shares on the Sydney register, at 16 O'Connell-street, Sydney. Form of dividend order is enclosed herewith."

The west crosscut of the Little Boppy copper mine at the 200ft level continues in dark blue slate and quartz, similar to that met with in the plat. The east crosscut is in a more promising lode formation, heavily charged with pyrites. A change appears to be making in the face, which is now a red material of a gossany nature.

For the week ended October 11 225 tons of ore were sent to the mill from the Ivanhoe section of the Stannary Hills Mines (Q.); the same quantity from the Kitchener section; and 400 tons from the Arbourn section. Good ore is being broken in the Extended and Australian sections, whilst the Central Hill section is on lode formation.

During the past fortnight, ended October 26, the winze of the Overflow mines was deepened to 65ft below the level,—and crosscut taken east 4ft. So much water came in as to make work with the present appliances impracticable. The material passed through is principally quartz and clay stone, both heavily mineralised, and carrying from 2 to 5 oz of silver, with some lead, copper, and black jack.

The footwall of the reef is now forming the north wall of the shaft at a depth of 161ft 6in in the Harden West Gold Mine, and the reef is, therefore, unbroken. The dig is about 14in wide in the bottom of the shaft. The major portion of the latter is now being sunk in the footwall country, which, for a thickness of about 3ft from the footwall of the dig is composed of altered granite, fairly soft. Good progress should therefore be made.

In addition to the 585 tons of crude ore despatched to the smelters by the B. H. Block 10 Company during the fortnight ended October 23, 4355 tons of crudes were sent to the mill, and produced 778 tons of concentrates. The material despatched amounted to 875 tons of concentrates, 585 tons of crude ore, 2737 tons of jig middlings, and 16 tons of jig tailings. Good progress has been made with the erection of the new boiler, which should be under steam in less than three weeks.

The mill of the Girilambone copper mine last week treated 114 tons of crude carbonates for 20 tons 19cwt of concentrates, and 48 tons of sulphides for 14 tons 3cwt of concentrates. Fifty tons of tailings were leached for an extraction equal to 13cwt 2qr of copper. At the same time, 39 tons 8cwt of ore and fluxes were smelted for 4 tons 9cwt of matte. At the north-east drive, No. 5 level, driving and stoping in sulphides and pyrites, which is being jigged for fluxing. The face still looks about the same. There is no change in the other stopes.

The following report from the Mount Molloy copper mine (Q.) was yesterday posted at the Stock Exchange:—"During the fortnight ended October 28, smelted 150 tons of Mount Molloy ore, and 107 tons of purchased ore, producing 10 tons of blister copper, as well as quantity of matte, containing 8 tons of copper. The directors have agreed to suspend smelting operations a fortnight hence, pending an improvement in the metal market, and the completion of the railway." The announcement had the effect of weakening the shares considerably.

The east drive on the reef of the Harden gold mine has been extended to 380ft. The reef in the face is 42in wide, assaying 19/ per ton. For the whole week values have been low, although the width of the reef has been maintained, and much better values were anticipated. No. 1 east winze is down 21ft, the reef in the bottom being 23in wide, and assaying 6/ per ton. The sinking of the main shaft has been resumed, and it is down 304ft. The mill ran 138 hours, crushing 238 tons. There were cyanided 222 tons of sands, of an assay value of 8/9 per ton.

The manager of the Sunlight Goldmining Company has finished cleaning up to the end of No. 10 level, western drive, a total distance from shaft of 256ft. There is 60ft of water standing on the side of the level, which will be broken down at once. It will average 18 inches in width. At No. 6 level the crosscut in the hanging wall has been extended. It has cut a good reef, 12in wide, which looks well, carrying good gold, but is not sufficiently opened up to tell the extent of it. The air compressor was started last week, and is a success. The battery will be in repair in about a fortnight.

Private cables state that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday were the following:—Broken Hill Block 10, b 68/9; B. H. Block 14, ordinary, b 22/; British Broken Hill, old, 20/ (m); B. H. Proprietary, b 58/9; B. H. South Blocks, b 17/6; Zinc Corporation, b 2/10; B. H. Norths, ex div., b 51/3; Chillagoes, 5/ (m); Munganas, 8/ (m); Mount Elliotts, 52/6 (m); Mount Lyells, 28/6 (m); Briseis, 9/ (m); Great Fingalls, 32/6 (m); Kalgurlis, s £8/15/; Sons of Gwalia, ex div., 24/ (m); South Kalgurli, b 7/6; Associateds, s 15/; Great Boulder, 23/ (m); Ivanhoes, ex div., £7/16/6 (m); Great Cobar, Limited, £5/8/3 (m).

The weekly mining report of the Chillagoe Company states:—Zillmanton: Shipping ore; old shaft, 350ft level, retimbering east drive; new shaft, 350ft level, granite drive extended 12ft; west drive in 57ft, 5ft of ore in face. Ruddygore: Breaking and shipping ore. Boomerang: Breaking and shipping ironstone. Dargalong: Breaking ore. Mount Lucy: Extending railway from Almaden to Mount Lucy for ironstone supplies. Morrison: 250ft level, driving north, in 100ft; driving south in 133ft, in ore; west crosscut in 8ft. M'Ilwraith: 150ft level, No. 4 drive, in 31ft. South Penzance winze down 21ft. Penzance opencut stopped for the present.

Writing on October 14 respecting the prospects of the Bradlaugh section of the North Queensland Tin-mining Corporation, the manager observes:—"By the appearance of the ore body it will make into a big shoot, and give me a good crushing by Christmas. The shoot for about three feet from the roof of the drive, towards the bottom, is about two feet six inches wide, of very good ore, and is still gradually making towards the bottom of the drive. I have started full-handed this morning, and I have commenced to sink a winze on the rich body of ore that is underfoot at the 75ft level, to the 103ft level, so with the both parties raising good ore I shall not be long in getting out a crushing."

B. H. PROPRIETARY COMPANY.

METAL OUTPUT FOR THE MONTH.

The operations of the B.H. Proprietary Company for the four weeks ended October 30 show a decrease in all the metals produced, as compared with the previous four weeks. The yields for each four weeks during the current half-year are shown as follows:—

MONTHLY METAL YIELDS.

	Silver.	Soft lead.
July 10	353,451oz.	4042 tons.
August 7	309,297oz.	4733 tons.
September 4	284,960oz.	4416 tons.
October 2	281,968oz.	4425 tons.
October 30	282,054oz.	4036 tons.

ZINC PRODUCTION.

	Zinc.	Silver contents.	Lead contents.
October 2	3317 tons	134,462oz.	837 tons
October 30	3241 tons	120,173oz.	775 tons

ROEBOURNE COPPER AND GOLD MINES.

CRUSHING BATTERY TO BE ERECTED.

The directors of the above company, which was floated in Sydney, with a considerable allotment of shares to Perth mining investors, for the purpose of developing several copper and gold bearing lodes near Cossack, in Western Australia, are so satisfied with the reports from the mine manager respecting the prospects of the mine, that they have decided to make a call for the purpose of erecting a 10-head crushing battery, to be driven by a producer gas plant. An agreement has been come to with the Mines Department of Western Australia, by which the Government will advance £1000 on security of the plant for a term of three years, repayable by half-yearly instalments (or sooner, at company's option), on condition that the plant will be available for one-third of the time for public crushing. The whole cost of the plant erected on the mine in running order is not expected to exceed £2000.

The directors are of opinion, from the most recent advices from the mine, in which the mine manager confirms the general manager's estimate of the stone proved to be available for crushing, that there is ample justification for this expenditure, and on account of the low value of copper at present that it is advisable in the company's interest to first provide a plant for treatment of the gold-bearing lodes on the Porterminna and Weerianna leases. Recently a sample parcel of five tons of gold ore was shipped to Sydney for treatment. This duly arrived and was sold to the Sulphide Corporation, Cockle Creek. The net weight was 4tons 17cwt 0qr 14lb, assaying 3oz 17dwt 6gr fine gold per ton, valued at £4 per oz, and the net result received from the Sulphide Corporation was £61 8s 2d, equal to £12 12s 10d per ton. Fifty tons of copper ore, estimated to be worth from 15 to 18 per cent. of copper, have also been received from the mine, and are now in course of treatment.

MINING IN THE STATE.

HARGRAVES, Thursday.

Mining shows a revival at Woy Woy. The Tunnel Syndicate at Tucker's Hill is inviting tenders for driving a tunnel to the surface at Cassidy's Reef. This work is considered a most important undertaking as it will open up several known payable shoots of gold. Logan and party continue breaking payable stone.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

In the B.H. North mine, all three drives at the 950ft level continue to show strong faces of high-grade ore.

The British B.H. mine, for the past fortnight, despatched 788 tons of concentrates and 103 tons of carbonates. Development work is showing excellent results.

The west crosscut at the 400ft level of the New White Leads mine now shows 50 feet of payable mineralised ground. The face is carrying good ore. The influx of water in the shaft is being coped with, and sinking will probably be resumed in a few days.

Block 10 mill last week treated 2515 tons crudes, assaying 15.1 per cent. lead, 14oz silver, 19.2 per cent. zinc, producing 460 tons concentrates, assaying 60.3 per cent. lead, 32oz silver, 9.6 per cent. zinc. No. 1 main shaft is now down 120ft below 1315ft level; No. 2 shaft is down to 233ft. A rise put in from 415ft north-east stope is up in ore going 13.3 per cent. lead, 10.9oz silver, 20.2 per cent. zinc. The crosscut on the 615ft level towards No. 2 main shaft has been advanced 52ft, and is still in country rock, and is now in 289ft, leaving only 30ft to go to meet the shaft.

DIRECT CYANIDE PROCESS.

GOLD EXTRACTION OF 90 PER CENT.

PARKES, Thursday.

Mr. Woodward, of the London mine, intends sinking a new shaft to 300ft, to further test the ground. A fresh "open cut" will afterwards be opened up. Latterly Mr. Woodward has been securing 90 per cent. of the gold with the cyanide treatment, and expects to increase the percentage, now that he has an additional pair of rollers in operation.

NORTH COAST MINING.

ACTIVE WORK CONTEMPLATED.

COFF'S HARBOUR, Thursday.

Mining is still going ahead here. Owing to the want of water there has been no crushing at the Bobo mine yet, but the various companies have agreed to spend £100, and bring water to the claims. The contractors of the Mount Brown Syndicate arrive there to-morrow night, to inspect. It is thought locally that it will be a very good show, and promises big things. Locally there is great interest taken in the various mining ventures in the district, which will lead to further development later on.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Western Australian mines: Associated, b 15/3, s 15/6; Northern, b 14/3, s 14/9; Boulder, b 23/7½, s 23/9; Great Ophir, 2/9, b 2/9, s 2/10; Hainault, b 15/, s 16/9; Mararoa, 11/9; Princess Royal contg, 1/6 Queen Margaret, 4/7, 4/8, 4/11, b 4/11, s 5/; Gwalia South, paid, b 22/6, s 22/3; ditto, pref., b 32/, s 34/; Victory United, 1/7, 1/8, b 1/7, s 1/8.

Various: Baker's Creek, 6/5, 6/4, 6/3, b 6/3, s 6/4.

Silver: Broken Hill, 58/3, 59/; Block 14 (pref.), b 22/6, s 22/9; ditto (ord.), 22/9, 23/, b 22/9, s 23/3; British (old), 20/, b 19/10½, s 20/3; ditto (new), b 16/6, s 17/; Block 10, b 68/6, s 69/6; Junction, 5/2, b 5/2, s 5/3; South, paid, 89/6, 90/; ditto, contg. 80/, 79/6, 79/9, b 79/6, s 80/; South Blocks, 17/6, 17/9, 17/7½, b 17/7½, s 17/9; Junction North, 21/6, 22/, Sulphide (ord.), b 10/3, s 10/9.

Copper: Chillagoe, paid, 5/11, 6/, b 6/1, s 6/2; ditto, contg, b 5/1, s 5/2; Hampden, b 9/10; Elliott, 55/, b 54/6, s 56/6; Molloy, 10/, b 10/1½, s 10/4½; Mungana, 8/, 8/1, b 8/1, s 8/2; O.K., 5/3, b 5/1, s 5/3; Obagooma, b 10/, s 21/; Wallaroo, 36/, 36/3, 36/6, b 36/6, s 37/.

Tin: Briseis Extended, b £4, s £5; Smith's Creek, 5/10, 6/, 6/2, 6/1, b 6/, s 6/1; Stannary Hills, 2/8, 2/7, 2/9, b 2/9, s 2/10.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's quotations and sales were:—Catherine Reef United, b 24/, s 26/6; Clarence United, b 6/7½, s 7/6; Garden Gully United, b 29/6, s 33/; Goldfield Consolidated, b 6/, s 7/; Horwoods and Burrowes, b 6/9, s 7/1½, sales 7/1½, 6/7½, 6/9; Hustler's Reef, b 27/6, s 28/9; New Chum Goldfields, b 19/, s 19/3, sales 19/; New Shenandoah, b 4/6, s 4/8, sales 4/9, 4/6; Sea (ex div.), b 16/6, s 17/3; South New Moon, b 47/, s 51/; Specimen Hill, b 23/6, s 26/, sales 23/6.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Chillagoe, contg, 5/1, 5/; Gilmore Tin, 6/1½, 6/2; Mungana, 8/; O.K., 5/2, 5/3.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Quotations: B. Central, b 3/6; B. Extended, b 5/1; ditto, paid, 7/, 7/6; Carrington, 3/6, 4/; D. D. Gold Mines, /7, 1/; Mexican, 1/2, 1/4; Alexandra, 2/9, 2/10½; ditto, paid, b 3/9; Kelly's, 1/3, 1/6; Mills' United, b 14/; New B. Freeholds, 2/1, 3/2; Phoebe, 1/1, 1/4; ditto, paid, s 2/4; Q. Cross, 1/9, 2/; Q. Central, 1/3, 1/8; Ruby, b 1/9; ditto, paid, 2/, 2/4.

Sales: Carrington, 1/9; ditto, paid, 1/11, 2/; New B. Freehold, 3/; Pfeiffers, 4/7; Quinn's, 7/6; Molloys, 10/8; Gilmore, 6/6.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Silver: Zinc Corporations, b 2/1½, s 4/; B. H. Block 10, 69/, b 67/6, s 69/; Block 14, pref. 22/4½, 22/6, b 22/6, s 22/7½; British Broken Hill, b 19/3; Broken Hill, b 58/6, s 59/; Junction, b 5/; Junction North, 21/6, b 22/, s 22/9; B. H. South (cont.), b 79/6, s 80/6; ditto (paid), 89/, 88/, b 88/6, s 90/; South Blocks, 17/9, 17/6, 17/9, b 17/8, s 17/9; New W. Leads, s /9; North Broken Hill, 51/, b 49/9.

Copper.—Mount Lyell, 28/9, 28/5½, 28/10½, b 29/, s 29/1½; Tasmania, 12/6; Victoria Zeehan (paid), 1/9, b 1/6, s 1/11; Chillagoe, 5/, 5/2; ditto (paid), 6/1, 6/, 6/2, b 6/2, s 6/3; Hampden, 10/2, 9/11, b 10/1, s 10/4; Macgregor, 4/5, 4/7, b 4/7, s 4/8; Mount Cannindah, b 9d; Mount Elliott, 54/6, 54/9, b 54/6, s 55/; Mount Hope, s /9; ditto (paid), b 1/10; Mount Molloy, b 10/; Mungana, 7/10, 7/11, b 7/11, s 8/; O.K. Copper (Adelaide register), 5/2, b 5/, s 5/3.

Tin.—Briseis Extended, 90/, 80/, s 80/; Mount Cleveland, 20/, b 18/, s 20/.

Victorian gold mines: Ajax, 20/6, 21/, b 20/6, s 22/; Birthday New Find, 1/, s 1/3; Duke and M. L., 7/, b 6/9, s 7/2; Great Southern, b 18/6, s 21/; Hustler's Reef, 28/, b 27/6, s 28/; Jubilee, 42/, b 41/, s 42/; Lady Nelson, 6/, b 6/, s 6/8; Long Tunnel, £5/3/, b £5/2/; New Dempsey, 11/9, 11/1½, b 11/, s 11/1; New Moon, 80/, b 80/, s 81/; South New Moon, 48/, 47/, b 47/, s 48/; Victor's Quartz, 4/5, b 4/5.

W. A. gold mines: Barrambie Ranges, 8/2, 8/6, b 8/; ditto, paid, s 8/; Black Range, b 20/6, s 20/9; Havilah, b 10/; Mararoa, s 13/; Tindals, 5/, b 4/6, s 5/.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

The new concentrating mill on North Mount Farrell mine is now doing its work most satisfactorily, last week's output totalling 90 tons, and further increase of this amount may be expected, as the mill only worked 83 hours. The installation of the plant will effect a considerable saving in the cost of treating crude ore. It is capable of dealing with 1400 tons of crude ore per week when running three shifts. The lode is now 30ft wide, and producing large quantities of ore.

TASMANIAN MINING.

ZEEHAN, Thursday.

More vigorous work has been started on ore body, "B" lode, second stope of the Hercules mine, where great quantities of ore are available. Good grade ore is also being broken from stopes on "D" lode. The output for the week was 295 tons of smelting sulphide to Zeehan.

The tunnel of the Tasmanian Copper Company is in 520ft out of the 1430ft which has to be driven to cut the main ore body. An important development occurred in the crosscut being driven from the north end of No. 4 upper level, it being still in solid sulphide of fair value, thus proving the Tasmanian Copper Company's lode to be much longer than anticipated—probably 1000ft.

The output from the British Zeehan group of mines for the month just closed will be well up to the average.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Propty., b 58/9, s 61/3; British Broken Hill, b 20/, s 21/3; North Broken Hill, b 50/, s 52/6; South Broken Hill, b 87/6, s 90/; Mt. Lyells, b 28/, s 29/.

SHIRE COUNCILS.

WINGHAM.—The Manning Council has voted another £350, to complete the road from Wingham to Comboyne, making a total of over £700 spent on this road. They have applied to the Government for a special grant of £300.

Dr. Seneca Powell, professor of chemistry, has died at Greenwich, Connecticut, after an illness lasting three years. His malady dated from the time when he gave the medical profession an antidote for carbolic acid poisoning. To prove that pure alcohol was an antidote, he frequently swallowed the acid before his medical classes, thus undermining his constitution.

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The President took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

DEATH OF A MEMBER.

The PRESIDENT announced the death of Mr. James Watson.

PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL.

On the motion of Dr. Mackellar, leave was given to bring in a bill to provide for the registration of nurses, and for the regulation and inspection of private hospitals. The bill was read the first time, and the second reading made an order of the day for Thursday next.

BARRIER TRAMWAY BILL.

On the motion of Mr. Dick, leave was given to bring in a bill to authorise the construction and maintenance of a tramway from Waite-terrace, in the township of Burns, parish of Victoria, county of Yancowinna, on the boundary between this State and South Australia, to the town of Willyama, Broken Hill. The bill was brought in and read the first time, and the second reading made an order of the day for next sitting day.

TEMPORARY SUPPLY BILL.

This bill, having been received from the Assembly, was passed through all its stages.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 4.55 p.m. adjourned till 4 o'clock on Wednesday next.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Mr. CLARK, as a personal explanation, stated it would appear that he had said on the previous day that the Inspector-General of Police had told him he wanted men as policemen who would make criminals. What Mr. Garvin said was that he wanted men to catch criminals.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The PREMIER, in reply to Mr. Briner, said he would consider the question of imposing a tax on all absentee owners who derived incomes from lands, mines, or any other form of property.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS, in reply to Mr. Kelly, said that when he went into the Lands Department he gave instructions that all papers relating to his own electorate should be brought under his notice. His object was simply that he should be cognisant of what was going on in his district. He was perhaps over-scrupulous in these matters, but whenever papers in regard to his electorate came before him that he felt he shouldn't deal with he handed them on to one of his colleagues. As for the statement made by a weekly paper that all documents in reference to matters connected with his electorate were pushed through more expeditiously than others, the very opposite was the case, for he invariably put them aside for perusal later on.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS, in reply to Mr. Norton, said that he would have inquiries made with a view to preventing anyone from obstructing the free access of the general public to Tamarama Bay.

The PREMIER, in reply to Mr. Cohen, said he would be very glad to submit to the Cabinet a proposal for a bill to apply to the Civil service the Commonwealth provision that the minimum salary of persons over 21 years of age in the general division should be £110.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in replying to Mr. Norton, said he would be glad to look into the scheme of his predecessor for the erection of workmen's dwellings in the Rocks area.

REGULATION OF REGISTRY OFFICES.

Mr. E. M. CLARK obtained leave to introduce a bill to regulate charges made by registry offices, and for the registration and regulation of such offices.

UNCLAIMED FUNDS.

Mr. FITZPATRICK introduced a bill, which was read the first time, to provide for giving publicity and information relating to unclaimed funds.

THE LAW OF LIBEL.

Mr. FITZPATRICK moved the adjournment to discuss the necessity of introducing this session a bill to amend the libel law.

The motion was ruled out of order on a point taken by Mr. Levy that a motion was on the business paper for the introduction of such a bill.

Mr. DACEY thereupon moved that a second motion for adjournment be taken, but was defeated on division by 35 votes to 27.

NECROPOLIS MAINTENANCE.

The MINISTER for LANDS moved the second reading of the Necropolis Amendment Bill. The object was to empower the trustees of various sections of the Necropolis to expend some of their funds in the maintenance of roads and plantations within the cemetery. Hitherto a special grant had been made annually from the public funds for maintenance, but the time had come when the Rookwood Cemetery should be placed on the same footing as others. The trustees had a credit balance amounting to over £5000.

Mr. M'GOWEN could not see what was to be gained by the proposed change, and, apart from that, he objected to the powers of the trustees being widened so extensively. The fact that the trustees had credit balances was an argument in favour of a reduction of cemetery charges.

Mr. NORTON moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to, and the resumption was made an order of the day for Wednesday.

POOR PRISONERS DEFENCE BILL.

The PREMIER moved the second reading of the Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill. The proposal was to extend the privilege of the Crown providing for the defence of poor prisoners to persons other than those who were charged with capital offences. The system had been tried in England for four years with satisfactory results and the experience of the Commonwealth Government since 1903 had shown that it worked well. It was desirable, however, that the system should be surrounded by some safeguard, and the condition precedent imposed was that leave should be obtained from a Judge.

Mr. GRIFFITH welcomed the bill. He had always been in favour of the appointment of a public defender. The necessary leave should be obtained from the committing magistrate, not from a Judge.

Mr. LEVY pointed out that, because of the provision the prisoners had to apply to a Judge in Chambers. Those in the back country would be handicapped. Power to recommend legal assistance should be vested in police magistrates. He hoped that when an order was made the Crown would afford the prisoner every opportunity of preparing his defence, and securing witnesses.

Mr. MAHONY endorsed Mr. Levy's criticism of chamber applications. He asked the Premier to see that in retaining solicitors and counsel for prisoners the Crown Law Department should not be made a training ground for the apprentices of the law at the expense of the poor prisoners.

Mr. JAMES thought it should be made clear that the application should be made to a Judge in private chambers, and in ordinary form, so that the matter should not be hedged by obstructive rules. Personally he thought the applications should be made to the Attorney-General himself.

Mr. NIELSEN also thought the applications should be made to the Attorney-General.

Sir JAMES GRAHAM considered that some provision should be made to enable an accused person to obtain the evidence of experts, if he could not pay for it.

Mr. MEAGHER advocated an amendment to simplify the process of securing legal aid, and suggested that the application should be to a stipendiary or police magistrate.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I am going to alter that, and make the application to a District Court Judge.

Mr. CANN contended that a Court capable of committing a man for trial should be capable of determining whether he should be defended at the public expense.

Mr. TREFLE suggested the appointment of a public defender. This would obviate patronage, and prevent the undue prolongation of cases for the sake of fees.

Mr. R. JONES supported the view that the committing bench should have the power to recommend legal assistance.

Mr. ROBSON expressed the opinion that the sole test a Judge should apply to an application for legal aid should be the nature of the applicant's means.

Mr. NORTON contended that the measure would afford no facilities to the prisoner in the back country. He moved that the measure be referred to a select committee.

Mr. M'GOWEN counselled Mr. Norton to withdraw. Reference to a committee would mean the loss of two sessions.

The PREMIER said that if the amendment were carried it would mean that the bill would be lost for this Parliament, and that they would require a change of Government. The bill was not one simply to give benefits to every person who was impecunious. Besides impecuniosity, there had to be about the case characteristics that justified the granting of defence. As to a police magistrate being given the power of recommendation, it often happened a prisoner had a solicitor in a lower court, though he could not afford one on trial. In such cases the magistrate would hardly be likely to grant the man free defence. He wished the form of application to be of the simplest possible character. It could be made by word of mouth in open Court when the case was called on, or by an ordinary letter to the Judge. If, however, the House decided a magistrate should deal with an application, power should be reserved to the Attorney-General to accept or reject the recommendation.

Mr. NORTON withdrew his amendment.

The second reading was agreed to, and the bill committed.

On clause 2, "provision for legal aid," Mr. MEAGHER moved an amendment providing that the application for a public defence should be made to the committing magistrate. His object was to take the application entirely out of the hands of a Judge, and make the magistrate decide the point as to a man's means, and place upon the Attorney-General the responsibility of accepting or rejecting the magistrate's recommendation.

The amendment was negatived.

The CHIEF SECRETARY moved an amendment to give an accused person the right to apply at any time before the jury is sworn for legal aid. The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. GRIFFITH moved an amendment to provide alternatively that application for legal aid may be made "to the committing magistrate." The amendment was agreed to.

The PREMIER moved to provide that the application might also be made to "a chairman of Quarter Sessions." The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. MEAGHER moved to provide that the magistrate or Judge should simply grant a certificate as to a prisoner's want of means, placing the responsibility of saying whether legal aid should be given on the Attorney-General.

The PREMIER refused to take the responsibility. To carry the amendment would mean the end of the bill.

The amendment was negatived by 35 to 30.

On the motion of the Premier, it was specifically provided that payment should be made of the expenses of all material witnesses.

Mr. MEAGHER moved to allow a prisoner to nominate his own counsel.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. BEEBY moved to provide that the defence of prisoners should be conducted in all cases by a public defender, to be appointed by the Crown, as hereinafter provided.

The Chairman ruled the amendment out of order.

Mr. BEEBY moved that the Chairman leave the chair, and the motion was negatived by 35 to 26.

Mr. BEEBY moved,—"That the defence of prisoners should be conducted by permanent officials appointed for that purpose."

The amendment was negatived by 33 to 28.

Progress was reported, and the adoption of the report made an order of the day for Tuesday.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

The PREMIER moved,—"That, unless otherwise ordered, on each Tuesday during the remainder of the session Government business only shall be taken after 7 o'clock."

The motion was agreed to by 33 to 27.

The House, at 26 minutes to 2, adjourned till 4 o'clock on Tuesday.

NEW MOTIONS.

Mr. Estell to move,—That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Government Architect's branch.

Mr. Wade to move,—That leave be given to bring in a bill to provide for the issue of certificates of title to certain land purchased, appropriated, or resumed by the Government; to amend the Real Property Act, 1900: and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Waddell to move,—That the House will resolve itself into a committee to consider the expediency of bringing in a bill to repeal the stamp duties on bills of exchange, promissory notes, drafts, and receipts; and for other purposes.

Mr. Waddell to move,—That this House will resolve itself into a committee to consider the expediency of bringing in a bill to make provision for pensions in certain cases of invalidity and accident.

Mr. Waddell to move,—That this House will resolve itself into a committee to consider the expediency of bringing in a bill to provide certain deductions in respect of income tax.

Mr. Dacey to move,—That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present method of granting and allocating endowments to municipalities and shires.

Mr. Barton to move,—That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report whether the time has arrived for the erection of grain elevators in conjunction with the railway system.

THE NEW PROTECTION.

AN INTERESTING POINT.

IS THE ACT ULTRA VIRES?

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mr. Justice Higgins concluded the hearing of the application of Hugh Victor M'Kay for exemption from excise duty on harvesters under the Excise Tariff Act of 1906.

Mr. Schutt, who continued his address on behalf of the applicant, said that if the rates of pay were fixed too high it might result in manufacturers being crippled altogether.

Mr. Justice Higgins explained that he had not to consider the question of profit by the manufacturer. If he had a different aspect would have been given to the proceedings of the Court. The Legislature appeared to have said that the manufacturers should have no profits under the Excise Act until the cost of the materials and afterwards fair and reasonable rates had been paid.

The application of T. Robinson and Co. was next heard.

Mr. Coldham, in opening the case for the applicants, said that he would ask whether his Honor was satisfied that the Act under which he was working was ultra vires. The judisdiction which an endeavour had been made to give the President of the Arbitration Court was one to regulate wages in a particular trade, and not only to do that, but to regulate rates for different individuals in different States. Exemption from payment of excise was bounty, and there was no power under the Act to discriminate between manufacturers in one State and those in another State, or between the producers in the different States. If that was the true interpretation of the Act Mr. Justice O'Connor might say in South Australia and New South Wales that certain wages must be paid before he could grant the bounty. No Judge should say that some other individual must manufacture under different terms. Section 51 of the Constitution Act contained all the powers which could be bestowed upon the Federal Parliament. That section contained nothing to enable the Judge to fix wages in a particular State at his own discretion, unless there was an industrial dispute which extended beyond the limits of any one State.

Mr. Justice Higgins said he wished this point had been raised when the parties first appeared in the Court. Out of respect to counsel he thought he should have referred the matter to his colleagues in the Full Court. At that stage he intended to go on, otherwise a postponement of payment was involved. He agreed that power had to be found in the Constitution Act to deal with an application, and that there was no power to fix wages in a State. Under the Constitution power was given to impose Customs and excise duties, and on such conditions and with such limitations as he thought fit. Looking through the Customs Tariff Act he found that there were lots of cases in which there were most elaborate provisions which clearly might interfere with State functions. The Federal Parliament had full power to impose what Customs or excise duties it liked, and any provision which allowed exemptions. He had more confidence in refusing to refer the question raised to his colleagues of the High Court, because if his argument was right, the whole matter could be decided upon the payment of excise duty. That would be a proper way to test it. Having gone so far with the inquiry, he would go through with it.

The case stands part heard.

A ROUGH VOYAGE.

The four-masted barque Howth, which arrived at Sydney yesterday, 116 days out, from Liverpool, encountered strong gales during the voyage, which was commenced on July 7. Strong westerly winds were met with until crossing the line, and fine-weather conditions prevailed till the vessel was off the Cape of Good Hope. The easting was run down from 40 to 45 deg. S. A succession of gales was met with until rounding Tasmania 11 days ago. On several days the winds blew with the force of a hurricane, and mountainous seas swept the deck. The cabin and galley were flooded, the steering wheel and a number of fittings were smashed, and boats washed out the chocks. The barometer fell to 28.10 on October 4 and 5, and while gales raged on these days and later on there were blinding rain-squalls from the north-west. Two masts were sprung and some sails blown away. The vessel was hove-to when rounding Tasmania, and in coming north head winds and heavy seas were met with.

Five days ago, after passing Tasmania, a vessel, supposed to be a collier, was sighted a long distance off. She appeared to have broken down. The Howth anchored below Garden Island. Captain Evans, master of the barque, is accompanied by his wife and son.

ROWING.

LEICHHARDT CLUB.

The above club intend holding a four-oar race next Saturday. The following are the respective crews:—First heat: Deacon (stroke), B. Elliott, Young, and Shaw; King (stroke), Williams, Irvine, and Wood; Jeffreys (stroke), Jones, Souter, and Lawson. Second heat: A. Collins (stroke), Junor, Hansford, and Mison; F. Elliott (stroke), Hood, Barrell, and M'Cabe; Swain (stroke), Beaumont, J. Collins, and Irish.

All sportsmen should read "Thormanby's" articles in this week's "Sydney Mail," entitled "The Rout of the Thimblemen" and "Precocity in the Saddle."—Advt.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

At Caulfield yesterday morning Ellis, Welcome Trist, Mira, and Iolaire showed to advantage in their work; while at Flemington Master Foote, Mountain King, and Tartan shaped attractively.

Hillgrove Jockey Club meeting, to be held on December 26, has been granted registration by the A.J.C.

The well-known racing ponies Kaedi, Bliss, King Olaf, Ennismore, and others will be offered for sale at noon to-day by Messrs. William Inglis and Son at their Bazaar, Pitt-street; and 2.30 p.m., at Camperdown, the firm will bring under the hammer 10 head of horses by Lord Randolph from thoroughbred mares.

Entries close on Monday for the Newcastle races on November 11 and 13.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The V.R.C. committee to-day considered the question of unregistered racing in Melbourne in its relation to the V.R.C. It is said to be probable that some arrangement will be come to, but no decision was arrived at, and the matter will remain in abeyance for some little time.

The Adelaide jockey J. Liddle was thrown from the two-year-old filly Cassava on the track at Flemington to-day, and had one of his legs fractured.

VICTORIAN TRAINING NOTES.

FLEMINGTON.

MASTER FOOTE GALLOPS ATTRACTIVELY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The weather this morning was fine but somewhat chilly. The rain of yesterday had made the big sand track unfit for use; but the course proper, however, was capital going, and the special fee was paid for a considerable number of horses, while the tan was largely patronised, and seemed in fair condition. A good number of visitors were present, and some capital gallops were witnessed. On the course proper, Barrenjoey and Miss Maister spurted. Mazarin galloped a mile in 1m 53s, having the help of Keeper Hill in the early part. Mountain King and Tartan were not out for time making over a mile and a quarter, in 2m 21s, the last mile in 1m 51s. Tartan led in the early stages, when the pace was only steady; but Mountain King was a length in front of him at the finish. True Scot galloped a mile without much difficulty, in 1m 50⅖s; and Ebullition, who has made a good recovery from the accident to his foot, went over the same ground in a little slower time. Master Foote went smoothly and well for a mile, in 1m 49⅘s, some of the watchers making it even faster. Eft did half that distance in 55s, and Sinderby and Nushka ran five furlongs in 1m 8⅗s. Sivori and Nucifera appeared to be all out at the conclusion of a mile in 1m 50⅗s, and Melodrama was better than Peru over nine furlongs, in 2m 2⅗s, the first mile being done in 1m 40⅗s. Binnia beat Comely by three lengths over a mile, in 1m 51s. Bobby appeared to have slightly the better of Sequent over five furlongs, in 1m 7s. Lady Diffidence went well, and left Rhubarb a long distance behind in a gallop of a mile and a quarter in 2m 17⅗s, the first six furlongs taking 1m 21s, and the mile 1m 50s. Baw Bee beat Soma by five lengths over four furlongs in 53s; while Gunwad and Snowshoes went easily for the same distance in 57⅗s. Heligoland spurted three furlongs in 41s, and Vaporize did an easy task. Ale beat the Common filly by four, and Frusquin by ten lengths over half a mile in the smart time of 52⅗s. Metallist went a mile at a good, sound pace, and Specimen travelled over the same distance, running the last half in 57⅗s. Lord Desmond beat Pendil by a good four lengths over five furlongs in 1m 7s, and Boldrewood, going very smartly, reduced the time to 1m 6⅗s. Merry Monarch badly beat Newmarket over a mile in 1m 52⅗s. Proceedor went very well throughout a gallop of a mile and a quarter in 2m 19⅗s on the tan. Kuban seemed to be going a little better than Mother Goose for half a mile in 53s, while Wai-Ila and Boboli went over the same ground in a second slower time. Cleis and Tom Tom spurted two furlongs. Saraband badly beat Haggis over a mile in 1m 52s, and Charles Stuart covered the same distance, taking 1m 39⅗s for the last seven furlongs. Mooltan strode along for a mile at about even-time pace, and Phaetontis went a couple of miles strongly. Socialist got over five furlongs in 1m 8s, and Juggle did a strong mile. Jack Smith and Memsie strode over half a mile, that distance being run by Charmant in 1m 52s. The Amazon did an even-time six furlongs. Rivanche galloped a mile and a quarter in 2m 23s, Wooroома helping for the final five furlongs. Lady Esme and Borodino did easy tasks. Red Streak was just under even time for a mile, and Ben Grafton did a similar gallop in 1m 54s. Akim Foo spurted three furlongs on the cinders in 38s. Destinist, Helios, Kangaratta, Waratah, Alice, Castanos, Rouge Et Noir, and Boisdale all jumped hurdles. Barbara and Outcast jumped fences. Laitiere and Majestic were sent to jump brush hurdles. The latter came a fearful cropper at the first of them, and his jockey (E. Carter) sustained a fractured collarbone.

CAULFIELD.

ELLIS, MIRA, AND IOLAIRE SHAPE WELL.

The welcome rain which fell on the previous day has done no end of good to the tracks, especially the grass, which was badly in want of it. The weather this morning was bright and cold, and the rain had tightened up the going on the course proper, and everything was in favour of making time. Azurine and Picturesque were not fully extended for four furlongs in 52⅗s. Pretty Polly moved smartly for five furlongs in 1m 4s. Dyed Garments went in fits and starts for a mile in 1m 56⅗s, and this horse is strung up to concert pitch. Fidelis and Carl Dour registered nine furlongs in 2m 1s. Apologue and Poseidon were going comfortably for a mile and a quarter in 2m 21s, running home the last four furlongs in 54s. W. Evans, who will ride Apologue in the Cup, rode him in his work. Delaware and Thackeray bowled over a mile and a quarter in 2m 17s, which took Bendigo, who beat Melbourne, 2m 20s, but he was not at his top. Ellis went in his usual attractive style for nine furlongs in 2m. Mira again shaped well, and ran the last mile and a quarter of a mile and three-quarters in 2m 16⅗s, picking up Blaaven and beating him home. Dalriada did some three-quarter pacing, and Topedi ran a mile in 1m 50s, The Shrew accompanying her just halfway. Lady Madcap beat Pasquinade badly over five furlongs in 1m 6⅗s, and Tulkeroo, who looks none the worse for his gruelling on Tuesday morning, hit out for a mile and a quarter in 2m 18⅗s. Welcome Trist and Belfry accounted for seven furlongs in 1m 34s, and the Derby colt looks really well. Kerlie dashed off four furlongs in 55s. Medaglia was sent a mile, and covered the last six furlongs in 1m 20s. Haphazard and Goldspec slipped over five furlongs in 1m 8⅗s. Maranui going the same distance smartly. Dynamite three-quarter paced. Iolaire and Seddon again went well, and ran a mile in 1m 45s. Miss Bass turned the tables on Antonina this morning, and beat her by three-quarters of a length over four furlongs in 49⅗s. Earl of Castles and Boomerang were responsible for a mile in 1m 50⅗s, and Pierus beat Battery, taking 1m 47⅗s over a like journey. Winnindoo and Birrelyn spurted four furlongs in 1m 52⅗s. Ringlet finished up some strong work with four furlongs in 52s. Yabba Gabba was let off with an easy task, and Lady May covered nine furlongs in 2m 4⅗s. Tarpon galloped a mile in 1m 53s. Kyeadgerie had more to say than Perfection when six furlongs had been run in 1m 17⅗s. Pistol again beat Sweetness over a mile in 1m 45⅗s. Swimmer jumped eight fences. Lady Rylstone and Lachlan were together at the end of a mile in 1m 46⅗s. Red Fly was pretty well all out at the finish of a mile and a quarter in 2m 21s. A mile in 1m 49⅗s was credited to Maltine. Zepho did well to run nine furlongs in 2m.

RIVERINA PICNIC RACES.

HAY, Thursday.

Riverina picnic races passed off successfully. There was a good attendance, and good fields and racing. Results were:—

Trial Stakes, 6f.—Mr. Neilson Mills' Pavilion, 11st 13lb (Owner), 1; Mr. Roy Simson's Golden Grain, 11st 11lb (Owner), 2; Mr. A. W. Austin's Fantan, 11st 9lb (H. D. Button), 3.

President's Gift, 7f.—Mr. Neilson Mills' Inverold, 11st 12lb (Owner), 1; Andrew Brothers' St. Mirin, 12st (J. R. Brown), 2; Mr. A. J. Austin's Saxon, 12st (H. D. Button), 3.

Murrumbidgee Handicap, 6f.—Mr. R. J. Austin's Tomboy, 11st 2lb (C. Mills), 1; Mr. A. J. Austin's Good Biz, 11st 6lb (T. G. M'Kinney), 2; Mr. D. A. Robertson's Mutineer, 10st 12lb (H. D. Button), 3.

Encourage Stakes, 6f.—Mr. Harry L. Austin's Red Rose, aged, 12st 7lb (A. Landale), 1; Mr. A. W. Austin's Second Thought, 11st 7lb (H. D. Button), 2.

Riverina Picnic Race Club Cup, 1m.—Robertson, Lavender, and M'Farland's Apoplexy, 12st (A. M'Cracken), 1; Andrew Brothers' St. Mirin, 12st 3lb (F. W. Brown), 2; D. A. Robertson's Yalladah, 11st (C. Mills), 3.

Waradgery Handicap, 6f.—Mr. Harry L. Austin's Playmate, 12st 10lb (A. Landale), 1; Mr. A. J. Austin's Good Biz, 12st (Owner), 2.

The Bungalow Handicap, 6f.—Mr. A. J. Austin's Good Biz, 12st (Mr. H. D. Button), 1; Mr. Roy Simson's Wombano, 10st 7lb (Mr. J. B. Turner), 2; Mr. Vyner Smithwick's Margo, 10st 10lb (Mr. W. E. Manning), 3.

Ladies' Bracelet, 6f.—Mrs. Harry L. Austin's Playmate, 5yrs, 13st 5lb (Mr. A. Landale), 1; Mrs. Broad's Mutineer, 6yrs, 11st (Mr. A. M'Cracken), 2; Miss M. Campbell's Claymore, aged, 10st 10lb (Mr. T. G. M'Kinney), 3.

Vice-President's Stakes, 6f.—Mr. A. J. Austin's Crusoe, 11st 1lb (Mr. H. D. Button), 1; Andrew Brothers' St. Mirin, 11st 13lb (Mr. J. R. Brown), 2; Mr. Harry L. Austin's Scandal, 11st 13lb (Mr. A. Landel), 3.

October Plate, 6f.—Mr. A. W. Austin's Melopea, 11st 7lb (Mr. H. D. Button), 1; Mr. Harry L. Austin's Red Rose (Mr. A. Landale), 2; Mr. C. Mills' Instructor, 11st 7lb (Mr. C. Mills), 3.

Batchelors' Bag, 7f.—Messrs. Robertson, Lavender, and M'Farland's Apoplexy, 12st 11lb (A. M'Cracken), 1; Mr. R. J. Austin's Tomboy, 11st 11lb (C. Mills), 2; Mr. A. J. Austin's Good Biz, 12st 1lb (Mills), 3.

Vanquished Stakes, 6f.—Lavender and Robertson's Lenore, 10st 9lb (Turner), 1; Mr. H. L. Austin's Scandal, 13st (M'Cracken), 2; Mr. A. W. Austin's Fantan, 10st 9lb (Button), 3.

TAMWORTH JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

ERIC WINS THE OCTOBER HANDICAP.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The spring reunion of the Tamworth Jockey Club was concluded to-day in fine weather, with the following results:—

Track Handicap of 20 sovs, 6f.—R. G. Kendall's br m Simmerelle, by Simmer (imp.)—Citronelle, 7st 9lb, 1; F. Marsden's b m Fairy Loch, 7st 8lb, 2; W. Mascott's b m Country Girl, 7st 7lb, 3. Other starter: Queenie's Court, 9st 5lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Queenie's Court, 5 to 2 v Fairy Loch, 3 to 1 each v Country Girl and Simmerelle. From a good start Country Girl and Queenie's Court set the pace for a couple of furlongs; then Simmerelle moved upon the outside, and led into the straight. Fairy Loch slipped up on the inside, but Simmerelle, lasting it out, won by half a length, with the third two lengths away. Time, 1m 17s.

Philip Handicap of 20 sovs, 6f.—F. H. Inches' b m Una, by Nobleman—Telopea, 9st, 1; Plush, 8st 7lb, 2; Truth, 7st 7lb, 3. Other starters: Con. Casey, 9st 5lb; The Officer, 9st; Chat-arance, 7st 10lb (incl. 3lb over); Ruby Tin, 7st 4lb; Gay Girl, 7st 2½lb (incl. 2½lb over); Nap, 8st 3lb (incl. 17lb over); Lady Gretchen, 7st 9lb (incl. 16lb over). Betting: 5 to 2 v Plush, 3 to 1 v The Officer, 5 to 1 v Chat-arance, 6 to 1 v Truth, 10 to 1 each v Con. Casey, Una, and Ruby Tin, 20 to 1 v others. The Officer got a flying start, and led for two furlongs from Chat-arance, Plush, and Con. Casey, with Truth last. Plush and Chat-arance led round the turn and up the straight, but at the half distance Una came through, and won all out by half a length, the third being two lengths off, The Officer fourth a head away, The Gay Girl, Lady Gretchen, and Nap being the last three. Time, 1m 17s.

October Handicap of 40 sovs, 1m.—W. Stringer's b g Eric, by Sir William—Heather, 8st 8lb (incl. 7lb penalty), 1; Miss Idalia, 8st 10lb (incl. 7lb penalty), 2; Lady Wilde, 8st 9lb, 3. Other starters: Triceps, 8st 7lb; Blackthorne, 7st 8lb; Cutaway, 7st 5lb; Wild Girl, 6st 9lb (incl. 2lb over). Betting: 2 to 1 v Eric, 3 to 1 each v Triceps and Miss Idalia, 6 to 1 v Cutaway, 7 to 1 v Lady Wilde, 10 to 1 v others. Eric took charge at the half-mile post from Wild Girl, Blackthorne, and Triceps, with Miss Idalia two lengths away last. Eric was not afterwards headed, and won by four lengths from Miss Idalia, who finished very fast at the girths of Wild Girl. Time, 1m 45s.

Oxley Handicap of 20 sovs, 6f.—F. B. Cohen's br m Doormaid, by Dorchester—Housemaid, 8st, 1; Algue, 7st, 2; Country Girl, 8st, 3. Other starters: Fairy Loch, 9st 1lb; Citrona, 7st 10lb. Betting: Even money on Citrona, 4 to 1 v Doormaid, 6 to 1 v Country Girl, 10 to 1 v Fairy Loch. Algue won by a short head, a neck between second and third; Citrona fourth a length away. Time, 1m 18s.

Final; Handicap, 1m.—G. Hall's b m Wilde Girl, 8st 7lb, 1; Lady Havoc, 7st 12lb, 2; Uella, 7st 13lb, 3. Triceps, 8st 7lb; Waterworks, 8st 4lb; and Celerity, 7st 7lb, also ran. The winner started at 10 to 1 against. Won by three lengths, two lengths between second and third, Triceps fourth half a length in front of Waterworks. Time, 1m 43 3-5s.

GOLF.

MARRICKVILLE ASSOCIATES.

The following are the results of the competition for the trophies presented by Mrs. Vicars:—

Mrs. Cearns	125—22=103
Mrs. Hill	127—24=103
Miss Leslie	125—18=107
Miss Murdock	134—25=109
Mrs. Mole	144—35=109

YASS, Thursday.

The finals of the yearly competitions were concluded at the local links yesterday. The best drive was made by Miss J. Hill, distance 130 yards. Approach and put: Miss E. Colvin, with four strokes.

BATHURST, Thursday.

A golf match took place at the Bathurst links yesterday between players representing Bathurst and Orange. Bathurst: Garrard, J. MacPhillamy, C. MacPhillamy, N. J. Holmes, G. H. Lee, Dr. Hurst, W. Scott. Orange: N. Pilcher, H. Davis, Leary, M'Kay, Windridge, Byass, Purdie. Bathurst won by 10 matches to three.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

MOTOR BOAT CLUB.

The Motor Boat Club of New South Wales held a meeting at the rooms in Hunter-street last evening. It was decided to hold a new kind of race for petrol launches, called a scouting contest, on November 16. A number of floating flags will be laid over a fixed course, and the boat to pick these up quickest as directed will win. The idea of the race emanated from the Admiralty in Great Britain, which adopted this means of testing the value of the petrol launch in picking up floating mines. Nearly all the motor boat club members will compete in the race. The event has been promoted on the suggestion of Mr. A. Davies, who has presented a valuable prize in connection with the competition.

Mr. F. Albert, vice-commodore of the club, has purchased the fine launch Fedora, formerly owned by Mr. Warden.

CAMPSIE BICYCLE CLUB.

The Campsie Bicycle Club will hold a nine miles members' road race to-morrow afternoon over the Campsie-Belmore course. The event will start at 3.30 p.m. The first prize is a gold medal. The following are the handicaps:—R. W. Frazer, scr; J. J. Frazer, 1s; A. A. Murdock, 30s; E. F. Gabb, 60s; G. Lincker, T. A. Murray, 65s; J. D. M'Mullen, 85s; F. J. Kirk, E. A. Price, 100s; W. Curry, 120s; P. Callaghan, C. Schromberg, 140s; H. Padroth, 180s; J. Parkes, 210s.

MARRICKVILLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The 10 miles championship of the Marrickville Bicycle Club will be decided to-morrow over the Homebush course. A good entry has been received.

ANNANDALE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Following is a list of the competitors who will take part in the Annandale Bicycle Club's 10 miles championship, which will be run to-morrow over the Homebush course:—H. Pollock, H. H. Watson, P. Gildea, W. J. Taylor, A. C. Weston, P. C. James, J. Dunlop, S. Bradbury, W. Rushton, F. C. Smith, R. J. Hazleton, G. Ramsley, J. M'Guire, W. Sheppard, C. J. Passmore, A. Moodie, C. A. Akhurst, M. Kent, H. Waters, and A. J. Fish.

The Annandale Juniors held a five miles contest yesterday from Taverner's Hill to the 2½ milestone and back. Result: E. Dobson, 2m start, 1; N. Hoshe, 20s, 2; J. W. Buckley, 1m 20s, 3. S. Dredge made fastest time.

BALMAIN BICYCLE CLUB.

Following are the handicaps for the Balmain Club's five-mile road race to be run to-morrow afternoon, starting and finishing at Cole's Hotel, Parramatta-road, Homebush:—F. R. Ray, R. Taylor, scr; T. Rodrick, J. Shepherd, 15s; C. Henry, J. Wilson, 25s; A. Mills, H. Masterton, Thomas, 30s; R. Crook, J. Edworthy, Atkinson, E. Fox, W. Henry, 1m; Horton, Tippett, Park, Chapman, 1m 10s; Hitchcock, Parry, N. Henry, 1m 20s; Shields, Coulon, H. Henry, H. Rodrick, 1m 30s; Wiggins, S. Crook, Young, 1m 40s; M'Mullen, S. Fox, 2m; Hoskins, Donnellan, 3m.

SOUTH SYDNEY CLUB.

The South Sydney Bicycle Club will hold its eight mile members' road race over the Homebush course to-morrow. The start and finish will be at the Horse and Jockey Hotel. Following are the handicaps:—J. J. Baker, scr.; E. Sutton, 5sec; G. Gardiner, J. Avery, 1m; E. Priestly, G. B. T. Kelly, 1m 5s; T. M. Ivory, 1m 20s; W. Hancock, 1m 30s; A. Mullins, A. Firkin, C. Hamey, 1m 35s; L. Godfrey, 1m 45s; S. Moon, 1m 50sec; P. Hancock, 2min 25sec; P. Olsen, 2min 45sec; A. Innes, 3min; J. Buchan's handicap is held over.

PIONEER MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.

The committee in charge of the Pioneer Club's reliability run has decided not to run the test to Katoomba and back, but from Taverner's Hill to Springwood and back. The large number of entries received augurs well for the coming contest. So far the majority of those nominated have entered single-cylinder mounts. Entries close on November 11.

PEERLESS BICYCLE CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for the Peerless Bicycle Club's 10 miles road race, which takes place to-morrow on the Homebush course:—J. P. Wilson, W. A. Stanton, scr; H. Mackay, 5s; W. Baker, E. Coleman, A. Heard, 10s; P. Smith, J. Edwards, 15s; J. J. Quill, W. Deaton, 20s; F. Thompson, E. Jackson, 25s; J. W. Nelson, R. Lefebre, 30s; P. Godfrey, H. Morris, 35s; A. Hall, 40s; C. Antilla, H. Cleaver, 50s; W. Fisher, 55s; J. Webster, J. Quill, W. West, W. Horton, C. Morris, W. Grindrod, R. Vaux, 1m; W. Slattery, W. Cripps, S. Tollerton, C. Connington, C. Legge, T. Walmsley, 1m 5s; W. Ginn, E. Smith, G. Slatyer, 1m 15s; W. Johnson, A. Ellis, 1m 20s; S. M'Arthur, R. Weeks, 1m 25s; A. Roberts, 1m 30s; S. Jones, 3m; G. Nichol, W. Wells, P. Archer, F. Ginn, F. Wells.

CYCLISTS' UNION.

The weekly meeting of the union executive was held on Wednesday.

The time put up by Mr. F. R. Ray for the Speedwell race is a record for the distance. It is only 20s over the time put up in the same event two years ago. The distance on that occasion, however, was about half a mile short of that run on Saturday.

Entries close with the union secretary to-morrow night for the three events to be run at the Granville Club's race meeting on the Granville Park track on November 11, viz., 1¼ mile open handicap, musical chairs, and novelty race. Entries also close for the one mile open handicap on November 16 at the carnival of the N.S.W. A.A.A.A.

The half and 10 miles Australasian championships will be run at Brisbane to-morrow. The principal N.S.W. representatives are Messrs. W. S. Knox (half-mile Australasian champion and one mile N.S.W. champion) and P. E. Mutton. S. S. Dow and J. F. Wyly will also be likely starters.

A circular from the union executive is now in the hands of all the club secretaries, conveying suggested arrangements for the proposed night carnival of the Cyclists' Union. If the riders want the racing no doubt the executive's offer will be readily taken up.

115 MILES AN HOUR.

EXTRAORDINARY FEAT AT BROOKLANDS.

Mr. A. Lee Guinness, the famous racing motorist, accomplished a sensational feat at the Brooklands motor track last month. A rich American enthusiast, on a visit to England, wanted to buy a car that could do over 100 miles an hour. He tried several fast cars at Brooklands, but none were to his liking. He then got in touch with Mr. A. Lee Guinness, who took down his 200-h.p. Darracq. At the first attempt Mr. Guinness accomplished a speed of 112 miles per hour, and, trying again, he attained the rate of 115.4 miles per hour. The performance is the more remarkable in that Mr. Guinness never competed in a race at Brooklands, and had only practised once on the course.

NEW MOTOR CAR.

A new 20-h.p. Rover car has just been landed by Mr. C. W. Bennett, of Bennett and Wood, Ltd. The vehicle, which is undoubtedly one of the handsomest models seen in Sydney, possesses many new features. The engine has four separately cast cylinders, with all the valves on one side. Separate aluminium caps are bolted on top for making the connections between the cylinder jackets and the radiator outlet pipe to the combined tank and honeycomb radiator. The aluminium crank chamber is distinct, and has no passages between it and the clutch. The lubricating arrangements for the engine and clutch are arranged from different sources, and a remarkable change has been made in the positions of the contact maker and carburetter, together with the inlet and exhaust pipes. The timing gear is enclosed in dust-proof and oil-retaining cases that are detachable vertically and horizontally. Perhaps the most noticeable point about the beneath-the-bonnet construction is the straightforward appearance of the parts, with every unit accessible itself, and yet in no way obstructing access to other parts in its neighbourhood. The whole of the eight valve stems, springs, cotters, and adjusting caps on the valve tappet rods are clear of the pipes, and the removal of a valve is done with comparative ease. In the gear box a complete transformation has taken place. The changes are made by a gate lever. Four speeds are provided, giving a direct drive on third and indirect drive on fourth or top speed. The chassis is very strong and neat, and admits of plenty of clearance from the ground—a thing greatly desired here. The system of springing the powerful car and the axles have all been greatly strengthened and improved. Two ignition systems, high-tension magneto, and high-tension coil with accumulators are fitted. In connection with the latter a new contact-maker is employed. With a luxurious fitted side-entrance body, the car is handsome in appearance. The body is painted in dark blue, and is capable of seating five persons comfortably.

RELIABILITY OF THE MODERN CAR.

Retrospect of the last few years shows an extraordinary improvement in the motor car. The motor industry is young, and has scope for improvement still. But it cannot be said that modern motor cars are not to be depended on for hard or continuous use. In the Automobile Club of Australia's reliability trials some of the cars made remarkable runs, and in the Dunlop interstate competition some time ago the reliability of the cars was so pronounced that it was only after repeated and exhausting long-distance tests that the awards could be defined. To further prove the great strides towards perfection made by automobiles comes the achievement of several remarkable long non-stop runs made in Britain, France, Germany, and America. All the competing cars in the first two countries accomplished wonderful performances, covering several thousands of miles without an involuntary stop.

CRICKET.

SYDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Following have been picked to represent the old boys in the annual cricket match, Past v Present, of the S.C.E.G.S., on Friday next:—K. Allen, C. P. Allan, M. Y. Deane, V. Y. Deane, A. D. Fisher, H. Jacques, L. Longwill, R. B. Minnett, R. V. Minnett, C. W. Rundle, G. T. Uther, and A. B. S. White.

SPORTS AT MOLONG.

MOLONG, Thursday.

Molong's sports meeting was concluded to-day. Rosa-Sheffield Handicap of £40 was won by E. P. Atkin (Trunkey Creek). F. Kennedy (Sandillyan) was 2nd, and S. Morris (Molong) third. Sprint Race of £10: E. Gray (Mungery), 1; R. M'Lachlan (Mum), 2; G. Mendham (Neville), 3.

FOOTBALL.

METROPOLITAN UNION.

The annual smoke concert in connection with the Metropolitan Rugby Union was held last evening in the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street. There was a large attendance.

Mr. ...es, M.L.A., presented the medals won during the season to the successful clubs in the various competitions promoted by the Metropolitan Rugby Union. In handing over to the Glebe representative the flag and pennant, he referred to the fact that this was the first occasion on which the union had presented a pennant to the premiers. Cleveland-street Superior Public School received a handsome shield and a pennant as the premiers of the Public School competition.

In replying to a vote of thanks Mr. Oakes referred to the fact that the Metropolitan Rugby Union controlled football in every stage—from the players in Public Schools to men who stepped on the field to represent the State. The standard of Rugby football in this State was higher now than it had ever been. With continued present good management, the cooperation of the players, and the support of the public, he was sure the standard would be easily maintained. The day was not far distant when teams from France, America and England would be playing on the historic Cricket Ground. (Applause.)

NORTH SYDNEY CLUB.

SOME PRESENTATIONS.

The club held a club smoke night at Needs's Masonic Hall, Walker-street, North Sydney. Mr. R. A. Arnold, patron of the club, occupied the chair. Amongst others present were Alderman E. M. Clark, M.L.A. (vice-patron of the club), Mr. H. D. Woods (president of the M. R. Union) (vice-president), Dr. R. R. Mackinnon (hon. medical officer and vice-president). The following artists contributed towards the evening's amusement, viz.:—J. Hinchy, W. Clark, L. Hart, F. Owen, S. Shipway, Gordon, Henderson, G. D. ...urich, and Alderman E. M. Clark, M.L.A.

During the evening the chairman, on behalf of the club, presented to Dr. R. R. S. Mackinnon a beautiful photographic board, measuring 5ft x 4ft 6in, containing photos, in recognition of services rendered to the club for the past three years. The group shows a record of the club since its inauguration in 1900, and the photos of the officials, playing and non-playing members, the late Mr. P. M. Lane (the club's first captain), and the following teams:—First grade, 1900-2-4; second grade, 1903-4-5-7; Moorman, second grade, 1907; Willoughby Borough, 1905, and North Sydney Borough, 1906-7; Combined Junior Union, 1907; the Wallaroo team, premiers 1907, "A" grade Junior Union, and Womerah team, premiers of "B" grade, 1906; and a view of the North Sydney Oval, the club's headquarters. The chairman said it was gratifying to be able to state that the whole of the artistic work was carried out by a member of the club, Mr. P. H. Ward. Alderman E. Clark, M.L.A., and Mr. H. D. Wood supported the remarks of the chairman. Dr. Mackinnon, in a capital speech, responded. The chairman then made a further presentation on behalf of the team members who toured the northern rivers in June to Messrs. O. G. R. Wilson and G. Luige, the former for his services as manager, and to the latter for having captained the team. The presentations took the form of framed photographs of the team, and also a photo on each side of Messrs. Wilson and Luige.

SAILING.

ST. GEORGE SAILING AND MOTOR BOAT CLUB.

The first of a series of three test races to decide which 14-footer shall represent the above club in the interstate carnival at Brisbane will be sailed round the bay course to-morrow afternoon. The boats will all start off scratch, the handicaps taken at the finish, the first boat securing the points but not necessarily securing the money. The following are the handicaps:—E (S. Anderson), 9m; Dorrie (G. Collis), 8m; Clio (Clark), 6m; Jessie (W. Kennedy), 5m; Air Motor (Duncan, sen.), 3½m; Euthre (W. Douglas), 3½m; Oma (T. Cunco), 1½m; St. George (W. Holmes).

SWIMMING.

SYDNEY SWIMMING CLUB.

Sydney club will decide two events at Farmer's Domain on Saturday afternoon, one a 90 yards general handicap, and the other a 45 yards' free handicap for junior members. All starters will be handicapped the post. A polo practice match between the A and B teams will be played during the afternoon. On Sunday next members and friends will spend the day at Freshwater beach. Frank Fitts, the Victorian champion, started in the Wednesday Half-holiday Handicap on Wednesday last, and swam third in his heat.

BONDI SWIMMING CLUB.

At a committee meeting of the Bondi Club the following fixtures were made:—November 2, 100 yards' handicap; November 9, 150 yards teams race; November 150 yards handicap; November 23, 100 yards handicap, and 50 yards invitation school boys' handicap (Eastern Districts school boys); November 30, yards' club handicap. The club's annual carnival will be held on December 21, 1907, when the Mile Championship of New South Wales will be contested. A programme for the carnival will be issued in a few days. It was further decided at the meeting that a life-saving squad be formed in connection with the club, and that a polo team be entered for polo competition.

Following are the handicaps for 100 yards handicap, to be swum Saturday at Hellings' Bondi baths:—C. Cadden, J. Lovelace, F. Coulson, 1s; J. Duffy, W. Foster, H. Watts, 3s; A. Coulson, J. Murray, 6s; C. F. Buckle, 6s; H. Mathewson, J. Murphy, C. Lewis, Clarke, 7s; W. Lillyman, A. and L. Stocks, J. Sweetman, P. Flynn, 9s; C. Lovelace, 12s; Saxby, P. Cotter, 13s; P. Dalcy, 14s; H. Kelso, E. Resclure, 16s; H. Rathborne, C. Keane, W. Mar..., 18s; L. Barnard, A. Hawkins, 24s; J. Perry, P. Brownell, 30s.

ROSE BAY CLUB.

The Rose Bay Amateur Swimming Club will hold the second race of the season, a 50 yards handicap, at Pike's Baths, Rose Bay, on Saturday afternoon. The members' time trials will be taken at 3 p.m. Following are the starts:—W. P. G. Von Hammer, T. Sinclair, 2s; M. Michael, Eglese, 3s; C. Northcote, S. Lees, 4s; H. Dixon, 6s; L. Bingham, A. Murray, A. Clements, Logan, 7s; W. Syme, L. Roach, B. Lithgow, 8s; R. Burne, O. Paton, 9s; R. Grey, W. Griffin, 10s; R. Rankin, 11s; E. Board, A. Paterson, 12s; J. W. ...en, 17s; E. H. Banks, 18s; G. L. Merrivale, 24s. A number of the handicaps are withheld.

PIGEON HOMING.

GREAT LOSS OF BIRDS.

The ... Homing Pigeon Society, No. 1, held its ninth old race from Hay, distance 353 miles (air line). The race was flown in conjunction with the federation organised by the National Homing Union of Australia. 484 birds took part, representing 53 lofts, being the largest club entry ever recorded in Australia. The weather was unfavourable, and as a result 449 birds were lost. No arrivals were recorded first day, the first arrival being at 5.30 the next morning. The following is the result of the race:—1st, ...ddie, 713yds 1ft 8in; 2nd, F. R. Brown, 681yds ...; 3rd, L. Cristofane, 675yds 2ft 5in; 4th, J. Dun..., ...yds 0ft 3in; 5th, C. H. Banks, 663yds 2ft 7in; 6th, A. Lambert, 663yds 0ft 9in; 7th, R. Williams, ... 1ft 5in; 8th, H. Pattison, 648yds, 2ft 2in; 9th, W. Mitchell, 643yds 1ft 9in; 10th, G. Harrop, 615yds ...; 11th, W. Williamson, 607yds 1ft 11in; 12th, S..., 606yds 2ft 11in; 13th, T. Huxley, 604yds ...; 14th, F. Steer, 603yds 1ft 0in; 15th, A. Ryan, 601 1ft 11in; 16th, D. Jones, 602yds 1ft 5in; 17th, W. ...s, 585yds 2ft 1in.

WESTERN SUBURBS CLUB.

The Western Suburbs Homing Pigeon Society held their ... race of the season from Cootamundra, distance (air line) 191 miles; 28 birds competing. The following are the prize-winners, with average speed per minute:—...awton, 1227yds, 1; J. Lowe, 1217yds, 2; C. Coop..., ...yds, 3; H. Patterson, 1195yds, 4; W. Cooper, ..., 5; W. Trotter, 1137yds, 6; W. Jones, 1130yds, 7; Verrell, 1100, 8; J. F. Booth, 1067yds, 9.

The ... Flying Club's race from Mildura resulted as follows:—S. Martin, 1; D. Robson, 2; W. Rogers, 3; Lambert, 4; H. Patterson, 5; W. Mitchell, 6; ...eff, 7; C. F. Mumford, 8; A. Auld, 9; G. A. Bar..., 10; W. J. Macnamara, 11.

The Manilla Homing Pigeon Society's last and longest old bird race of the old bird series for the season was flown from Mildura, Victoria, distance 510 miles (air line). The birds, numbering 38, were liberated October 20, at 6.50 a.m., the winning birds having homed early the following day. The following are the times (an allowance of 8½ hours being made for darkness) flown per minute by each member's bird, viz.:—Connolly, 910yds 2ft 11in, 1; T. Hughes, 910yds, 2; Wallace, 823yds 2ft 11in, 3; A. Tye, 725yds 2ft 4; R. Norton, 579yds 2ft 8in, 5; and A. Hillier.

BOWRAL SHOW.

Two races under the auspices of the Bowral Homing Pigeon Society were held yesterday. In the morning the competition was from Cootamundra, and was won by R. B. M...'s bird, with J. Gash's second, and E. Cockell's third. In the afternoon a young bird's race was held from ...rulan, the result being W. G. Small's bird first, ...y's second, and E. Fitzgerald's third. The weather oppressive, and consequently slow times were recorded.

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A LOCAL AEROPLANE.

EXPERIMENTS AT WAVERLEY.

PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL FLIGHTS.

A NEW MODEL.

Whilst the inventors of the old world and the new are fighting for precedence in discovering the secret of aerial navigation, an inventor at Waverley, unknown to the public, is patiently and quietly working away at a new model which he hopes will beat every other machine for air-flying.

The model is a secret. The experiments are secret. The public are prohibited from entering the grounds, and the "Herald" reporter was only admitted to examine the machine at a safe distance. But it has made partially successful flights, whatever the inventor may mean by the qualifying words; and it has given promise of better things.

Beyond the fact that Australians regard airships as a possible means of locomotion in the near future, they are at the present more interested in the keen struggle between Britain, France, Germany, and America as to which will turn out the more perfect navigable aeroplane. The recent progress in this type of airship has attracted attention all over the civilised world, and the manner in which some of them have been made to traverse long distances lead many to believe that in the near future they will prove indispensable.

It is not to be wondered at, therefore, when such up-to-date countries as Britain, France, Germany, and America are devoting their energies towards perfecting war balloons and aeroplanes that something should be attempted in a quiet way out here towards solving the aerial problem. The Waverley gentleman has been conducting his experiments for some time past, and he is confident that his aeroplane will revolutionise all existing models.

The new model, which is of the heavier than air type, measures about 20ft, and is approximately 4ft 8in wide. The framework is of light tubing, with a centre shaft running the full length of the aeroplane. Clamped on the front portion of the frame is a 2½-hp. petrol engine, while in the rear is a tiny 1½ motor. The former engine, which is employed for driving a large four-bladed propeller, gives, in conjunction with the wings, the necessary speed to the aeroplane, whilst the smaller motor is employed for flapping by means of an alternating eccentric movement a pair of large jointed wings placed overhead. The junction line of these wings points upwards at a slight angle to the axle. On the back of the machine is a large fan-like propeller, which in the hands of the operator within the car can control the direction of the aeroplane. So far the aeroplane does not allow of a person occupying a seat, trials having had to be made by placing the aeroplane on a racing support, setting the engines going, and guiding the machine by means of stout string.

The wings are composed of thin, tough, tapering rods, overlapped by aluminium plates. By the throwing in of a clutch, these can be flapped at greater or lesser speed, but the inventor has so far had to set the speed at the greatest pitch in order to prove its capabilities of flight. He reckons, however, once he gets everything perfected—it is only in the initial stages yet—that the huge wings, which can be flapped like those of the albatross, will allow the aeroplane when well up in the air to glide over the earth's surface in a manner similar to that seen when albatrosses direct their movement, with little or no action on their part, save the directing of their head or dropping or racing of a wing as they wish to take any particular direction.

The designer was first led to take up the aeroplane question through reading accounts of machines in Great Britain. He was at the late Islington Show, and got a few "wrinkles" as to their construction. Recognising that the Wright Bros. of America had only failed to obtain better trips through failure of their motive power, he brought over with him several light French motors capable of running at 1800 to 2000 revolutions a minute.

"The whole difficulty at present," he remarks, "in connection with the heavier than air type of flying ship is that it cannot be made to remain stationary. To maintain the equilibrium of the machine a forward motion is essential to give the necessary lifting power. Ascents cannot so far be made vertically, as in a dirigible balloon, and I am experimenting at present with an arrangement whereby my aeroplane can run along the ground first and so get up the necessary speed. Of course, my experiments so far have only been attended with partial success, as the fact that I have to control the engines and direction of the machine by pulling of levers by means of string will tell you. My chief object, however, is to get some idea of how the aeroplane works. So far, to find this out has been tedious, and often, as sometimes happens, something goes wrong, and there is a smash up of some portion of the aeroplane, which means serious delay. However, I have made a few flights of a semi-successful nature—not long ones, but still flights. Should I have better results than at present, it is my intention to leave for Europe shortly, so that I may have arrangements made for testing my idea in a full-sized aeroplane. It is only in this way that I can possibly hope to test whether everything is as it should be."

DEARTH OF LABOUR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of October 21 there appeared an article designated "Dearth of Labour," which would lead one to believe that mining development was being retarded by the scarcity of labour. Such a statement is totally misleading. As one knowing much of the conditions that obtain at Broken Hill and in the Cobar district, and in respect to the latter in particular, I say most emphatically that there is not a dearth of labour. As evidence of same, I may point out that owing to the fall in the price of copper a very large number of prospecting shows have ceased working, consequently placing a lot of men on the labour market. To verify this I may mention that several big properties, for instance Burraga and Dodgsern, have reduced hands to a very large extent; and a majority of the men came to this district. Of local mines I may enumerate the Bee Mountain Copper Mining Company and the pups in the immediate neighbourhood, the Mount Boppy Copper Mining Company, the sensational Budgery and its various tentacles, and last, but not least, the Shuttleton Copper Mining Company, which shut down quite recently, and, incidentally I may be stated, omitted to pay five weeks' wages due to its employees. This complete cessation of work, and partial suspension in other mines, must affect the position. To these mines in active operation the result is obvious. I know numbers of competent miners that have recently travelled from Cobar to Shuttleton, and then on to Nymagee, and on to Canbelego, and thence back to Cobar, completing a circle of approximately 150 miles who could not obtain employment. The article in question, despite these facts, says: "Work? Why there's plenty of it." Quite so; but there are plenty to do it. The question is the getting adequate remuneration for the labour given. We have in this centre an Arbitration Court award in operation, whereby the minimum wage is set down at 7s 6d per day. But there is a strong tendency on the part of the employers to level all labour down to that minimum, instead of towards the maximum. And in a district such as Cobar, where the cost of living is very high, and climatic conditions unfavourable, it may readily be inferred that a certain amount of friction would ensue where the contending parties gravitated to opposite poles. As respects the summary re immigrants, counselling them to try the country instead of the city and the Domain, would any rational being suppose that a body of immigrants would leave the old world for the bright prospect of loafing in the streets of Sydney, or becoming habitues of that arcadia, the Domain, when, if so disposed, they could have, with greater facility, become vagrants in the cities of the United Kingdom? However, I can speak authoritatively of one body of immigrants, viz., the Cumberland miners, fine body of stalwart workers. This importation, as per article in question, was Mr. Blakemore's experiment and presumably it failed. Why did it fail? Well, simply because the roseate hue as depicted by the immigration agents, became a dull prosaic brown of misrepresentation, and the alleged £23 advance money merely a myth. The whole tenor of the article would seem to be an endeavour to attract workers to the district on the old Public Works contractor's system, to enable the interested to draft and cull, by reason of a congested labour market. Caution should be exercised to ascertain the facts in such cases, as to obviate fallacious reports being circulated which may occasion much loss of time and money to those travelling seeking employment at the alleged Eldorados.

I am, etc., T. WILLIAMS,
President A.M.A., Canbelego Branch.

Stock Exchange investors and speculators should never miss the notes in the "Sydney Mail" detailing the Stock and Share market. The advice and hints given in the latter are always well worth careful scrutiny.—Advt.

METHODIST CHURCH.

SYDNEY DISTRICT SYNOD.

A ministerial session was held in the Centenary Hall yesterday morning, the president of the conference (Rev. John Penman) in the chair.

Inquiry was made as to the character, belief, and fitness for the work, in the case of each minister of the synod. The remainder of the morning was occupied with the examination of three candidates for ordination at the ensuing conference, the business not being completed when the synod adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A representative session was held at 2 p.m.

PRAYER FOR RAIN.

Rev. J. E. Carruthers moved, and the Rev. John Gardiner seconded, the following motion, which was unanimously adopted:—"That in view of the serious condition of affairs arising from the drought now prevailing in many parts of the State, the president be respectfully requested to confer with the heads of other churches in regard to the setting apart of a day of general humiliation and prayer in relation thereto."

NO-LICENSE.

Mr. T. W. Thorne moved, and the synod agreed,—"That this synod desires to record its devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the measure of power given to vote down the traffic in alcohol under the existing Liquor Act, and invites its ministers and people to be unremitting in prayer and labours for the abolition of the traffic, which is the potent source of many of the evils in our midst, and the existence of which is a reflection upon our Christian civilisation." (2) "That our ministers, office-bearers, and people be desired therefore to give vigorous impetus to the cause of no-license, and to the utmost avail of the time between this and the next local option poll, in working for a successful issue, and to obtain an effective vote for no-license in the respective electorates throughout the State at the second poll."

HOME MISSION AFFAIRS.

The text of the remit from the last conference re the appointment of a ministerial assistant to the general secretary of the Sustentation and Home Mission Society, which had been considered by the executive committee, and passed on to the synod, was read.

Rev. J. E. Carruthers moved, and Mr. P. N. Slade seconded,—"That in relation to the remit from conference re additional assistance for the general secretary of Home Missions, we recommend (1) that a property and finance department be created for the management and direction of the property and financial affairs of the Church, and that inquiries be made as to whether this department cannot be made mainly self-supporting, the Rev. James Woolnough to be set apart to this department. (2) That a home mission department be established, and that a minister of evangelistic spirit and aptitudes be appointed to this department, whose duties shall include the visitation of circuits and home missions, the organisation of deputations, and the general promotion of the aggressive work of the Methodist Church in this State."

Rev. C. T. Newman moved as an amendment, and the Rev. G. O. Cocks seconded,—"That in view of the increasing and varied character of the operations of this society, the next conference be earnestly recommended to appoint a second ministerial secretary, whose duties mainly shall be in home mission work, and who shall be designated home mission secretary."

A lengthy discussion took place, with the result that the amendment was lost by one vote, and the motion carried.

THE WORK OF GOD.

This question was considered with the reading of the statistical returns. The general returns were submitted by Rev. G. O. Cocks, showing 82 churches (an increase of 1), 24 parsonages (an increase of 1), 40 ministers (a decrease of 2, by death), 5068 members (an increase of 2). The Rev. M. Reavley presented the returns of the Christian Endeavour societies, showing 66 societies, with 1087 active and 382 associate members; active members, who are members of Church; 60 junior societies, with 1819 members. Further discussion was deferred to a future session.

EVENING SESSION.

The first business was the renewal of the discussion on theological institution affairs. Rev. C. J. Prescott, M.A., presented a further amendment, viz.,—"That this synod is of opinion that the best way to provide a suitable training ground for our theological students is to establish an affiliated college in connection with the Sydney University, provided a suitable site can be obtained." A prolonged debate ensued, resulting in the rejection of each proposition submitted. The representative session then adjourned till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The name of Mr. Tollis should have been included in the list of candidates published.

The session adjourned until 2 p.m. to-day.

PARRAMATTA.

KATOOMBA, Thursday.

On reassembling the chairman drew attention to a circular received from the manager of the "Methodist." After discussion the Rev. W. H. Howard moved that this synod, appreciating the improvement of the "Methodist," and recognising the desirability of increasing the circulation, recommends the employment of a canvasser for subscribers, who shall travel throughout the State. The Rev. W. H. Howard moved—"That this synod expresses its sense of profound sympathy with Mrs. Bleazard in her bereavement through the death by drowning of Rev. Colin Bleazard, of Fiji. Reports from Newington College and the Ladies' College were read by the secretary, and after discussion the following resolution was adopted—"That this synod having heard the gratifying reports from Newington and Burwood Colleges expresses its gratification at the good work done and the financial results obtained. It also thinks that the time has arrived when some assistance should be given to Mr. Prescott in his arduous duties." A communication from the theological institution committee was read and debated at length. It was finally resolved—(1) That the ensuing conference initiate a scheme for the erection of a theological institute in connection with the celebration of the centenary of Australasian Methodism; (2) that a sum adequate to the full equipment of the institute and an endowment of at least £5000 be obtained in cash or promises before the buildings are proceeded with; (3) that a minister be set apart as organising secretary to give effect to the scheme."

In dealing with the proposal to alter the order of session the committee recommended that in order to expedite the business of the conference and economise the time of representatives, the system in operation in the British Wesleyan Conference be followed as far as possible, viz., that the representative conference meet and transact its business before the ministerial session is begun. A resolution appreciative of Dr. Brown's splendid work on his retirement from the position of foreign mission secretary was cordially passed. A resolution expressive of gratitude to God for the success and blessing of the past year was also carried. The ladies and gentlemen who had entertained the members of the synod were heartily thanked for their kindnesses, and the Rev. J. H. Lewin and Mr. J. Chandler were also mentioned. Votes of thanks were also passed to the chairman and secretaries. The synod then adjourned.

During the afternoon the members of the synod were driven to Wentworth Falls. A welcome social to ministers and laymen was held in the church last night. The Rev. W. H. Williams, chairman, presided. Mr. Chandler, senior circuit steward, on behalf of the congregation, Alderman Kitch on behalf of the Mayor, who was unable to attend, the Rev. R. A. Redmond, Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Mr. Morrison, of the Congregational Church, Leura, addressed words of welcome.

BATHURST.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

The financial synod resumed its business on Thursday morning. The report of Sunday schools was received and discussed, and found to be fairly satisfactory. It was resolved to recommend to the conference that in connection with the annual Sunday school examinations senior scholars take their papers on Friday evening, and junior on Saturday morning. General statistical returns showed an increase of church adherents and members. The Christian Endeavour returns showed an increase in the number of societies and members. The property report was discussed at some length. Lithgow sought permission to sell the old Primitive Methodist property. This was recommended; also the sale of the old church at Billabong, in the Parkes circuit. It was recommended that the Forbes circuit have permission to sell the present parsonage; also a block of land on Camp Hill, with a view to the purchase of a central site for the erection of a new parsonage. A proposal from the Cobar quarterly meeting to erect a central mission hall at Cobar was brought before the synod by the Rev. F. T. Walker. It was resolved on the motion of the Rev. F. Duesbury—"That this synod entirely sympathise with the Cobar Methodists in the proposed central Methodist mission, but recommends that a beginning be made as soon as practicable with gospel services on Sunday nights in the Masonic Hall, in order that the whole matter may come up in a more prepared state before next conference." Grants were recommended on the basis of the balance-sheets to the following circuits:—Cowra, Portland, Rylstone, Oberon, Bourke, Coonamble, and Wilcannia. It was resolved on the motion of the Rev. W. Atkinson—"That this synod is of opinion that the only effective solution of the question as affecting the representative and pastoral sessions of the annual conference is to be found in the alteration of the constitution of the conference, so as to provide for district representation, and recommends the appointment of a committee to consider and report to the conference of 1909."

ILLAWARRA.

KIAMA, Thursday.

The session of the Illawarra Methodist Synod was resumed this morning, and continued throughout the day. The Rev. Mr. Pettinger moved,—"That the synod having learned, from statistical returns, the state of the work of God in our circuits, expresses regret that there appears a decrease of four local preachers, one class leader, 50 full members, and 10 junior members, due to removal to other districts. The synod affirms the necessity of ministers, officials, and members in all our circuits giving greater consideration to the spiritual aspect of the work. The need of more careful and constant use means grace peculiar to Methodism and the state of the people who are unsaved. The synod urgently appeals to our people to give thought to be and do, in order that Methodism may accomplish the great end for which God has brought it into existence, namely, the advancement of His kingdom." It was resolved that it be a recommendation from this synod that the business usually transacted by the ministerial sessions' conference be transacted as far as possible before the lay representatives were called upon to be present, so as to prevent their remaining so long in attendance at the conference, as hitherto. A resolution was passed pledging the synod to continued loyalty and increased efforts to extend the circulation of the connexional paper, "The Methodist." It was resolved, on the motion of the Rev. M. Pettinger, that the synod expresses appreciation and thankfulness for the result throughout the State of the local option vote at the recent election, and urges members and adherents to work with unabated energy in their efforts to secure the full benefits of the Local Option Act. The direction of the conference re transferring Gerringong from the Kiama to the Berry circuit was carefully considered, but no recommendation was made. The visiting ministers and laymen were welcomed at tea last evening, which was followed by a public meeting, when suitable addresses were delivered.

MAITLAND.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The Methodist Synod met again to-day, the Rev. F. Colwell (Newcastle) presiding. The report of the Christian Endeavour Society, presented by the Rev. J. Thomson, showed a slight decrease. The Rev. E. Crozier was elected a representative to the stationing committee, with the Rev. W. F. Oakes substitute representative. Mr. Oakes was elected representative to the distribution committee, with Messrs. Fegan and Weakly. The Rev. G. W. Payne presented the church property report, which was satisfactory. Properties had been erected and purchased at a cost of £2819; improvements effected to the value of £1180, with debt remaining on improvements, £273; insurances effected in church properties in the district amounted to £48,027. The properties benefiting from the conference loan fund by loans totalled £6221. The indebtedness of the church properties was reduced by £2722 during the year. After discussion it was considered that the present time was not opportune for the appointment of an additional secretary to the home mission. It was considered advisable for the synod itself to have complete power to make its own arrangements for the annual deputation within its own districts. This was sent on as a recommendation. Thankfulness was expressed that the foreign missionary conventions held in certain circuits had done so well in connection with the relief and advance fund, especially in regard to Maitland and Newcastle, but the hope was expressed that many circuits in the district, which had not come into line with this splendid movement, generated at the last general conference held in Sydney, would do so.

GERMANY'S TRADE.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTS.

MATTER OF RESTRICTION.

A cablegram was published on Tuesday stating that the "Norddeutscher Allgemeine Zeitung" asserted that Germany neither discriminates against Australian goods nor does she exclude Australian products, but all Australian imports are treated on the most-favoured nation basis. The "Morning Post," in commenting upon the assertions, said it was only necessary to recall Mr. Deakin's speech on preferential trade at the Colonial Conference in answer to them.

Mr. Goswin H. Boner, general representative of the Norddeutscher Lloyd in Australasia, yesterday made the following remarks in reference to Mr. Deakin's speech:—"The statement that it is not possible to send anything to German colonies is entirely wrong. The German colonies of Samoa, New Guinea, and the Archipelago are buying every year a good many articles from Australia. Among other things, they purchase Australian hardwoods, Baltic and Oregon building timber, meats, preserves, drapery, furniture, leather goods. If there are any duties levied on those articles, there is no discrimination against Australia. The German Government does not subsidise ships which carry produce chiefly. The only subsidy paid is for mail services. The schedule rates of freight for goods shipped from Germany are about the same as those on similar goods shipped from England to the same places. It is wrong to say that the German colonies in the Pacific, by special duties, try to discriminate against imports from Australia. It is also not true that German goods intended for export are carried at almost nominal rates on colonial or German railways. The railways in Germany are one of the best investments of the Government. People in Germany complain if the rates are very high, and for that reason a very important section of the German industrial and commercial element is advocating the construction of canals in order to reduce the cost of carriage. Regarding the restrictions imposed upon the Norddeutscher Lloyd in carrying cereals and dairy produce to German ports, I would say that these restrictions affect only 13 mail steamers, of which only two are fitted with cool rooms, and are used for carrying Australian apples to Germany, and are not suitable for carrying meat or butter. These 13 steamers are only a small portion of the vessels trading from Australia to Germany. In addition, from 40 to 45 freight steamers are despatched from Germany. These freight steamers receive no subsidy whatever. Four of them are fitted with refrigerating plant, and can carry any kind of produce. The importation of meat to Germany is rendered impossible on account of the local regulations in regard to the inspection of meat. These regulations were not introduced purposely in order to keep out imports from other countries, but only as a safeguard against the spread of tuberculosis. They apply to the slaughter of every animal in Germany. The agricultural population in that country found that these regulations, which were made for the protection of the public health, were a great hardship on them, and they suffered severely. However, it is not an easy matter to find ways and means to abolish these stringent regulations for the sake of imported meats, and the German producers are hampered by the law. Several of the Chambers of Commerce in Germany have taken up the question of meat supply, and efforts are being made to find ways and means to overcome the difficulty. These laws and regulations were made long before the Australian frozen meat trade had reached anything like its present development, and it was not, therefore, intended to purposely exclude Australian meat. In conclusion, I would say that the duties on importations in Germany come to about 10s per head of the population, which compares favourably with England, where the duties on imports, notwithstanding the fact that she is known as a freetrade country, come to about 12s 6d, not taking into account the excise duties. That there is no discrimination practised by Germany in her trade with Australia is conclusively borne out by the fact that Germany buys from Australia three times the value of goods exported to the Commonwealth."

THE SWAN RIVER SETTLEMENT.

THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The paper by Miss Hendy Pooley, read by Mr. Dowling before the Australian Historical Society, as reported in your issue of the 25th instant, omits mention of the settlement at Swan River under Commander Fitzroy, R.N. (subsequently, I think, Governor of New Zealand), which, although ultimately abandoned, must have been prior to the hoisting of the flag by the captain of the Challenger, and the formation of the settlement under Captain Stirling in 1829-30.

I append extract from a letter of the late Captain Henry A. Moriarty, C.B. (by whom the first Atlantic cable was laid from the Great Eastern), which bears on the subject:—

"By my memory, the said William M. was a midshipman in the Nymph, and in a boat with his captain (Conway Shipley) in a cutting-out expedition in the Tagal, when the latter was killed. That as a commander he commuted his half-pay for a grant of land and went as a settler to Swan River under the leadership of Commander Fitzroy. The little colony was a failure through drought. The people dispersed, and the Admiralty gave him back his half-pay. That must have been about 1826 or 1828, ... before the appointment of Captain Stirling, in January, 1829, and the landing of 2000 immigrants in March, 1830, with property worth £1,000,000 (vide Haydn's Dictionary of Dates). A bend of Swan River is named Moriarty on the Admiralty charts."

I am, etc., A. V. MORIARTY.

The Bathurst Eight-hour Day Procession is illustrated in the current issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

NARROMINE-PARKES RAILWAY.

PEAK HILL, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Railway League Mr. Thomas Bridle was elected a delegate, with the member for the district, to wait on the Minister for Works urging that the proposed Peak Hill railway be submitted to Parliament as soon as possible. The line has been recommended by the Railway Commissioners and the Public Works Committee, and has been surveyed from Narromine right through to Parkes.

WATER FOR HELENSBURGH.

HELENSBURGH, Thursday.

The Works Department have offered a supply of water for domestic purposes at Helensburgh from the water plant at the Home for Incurables, providing the cost of pipes and pumping is paid by the people. A meeting of ratepayers and citizens has requested further particulars on the matter from the department.

HOSPITALS.

KEMPSEY, Thursday.

The Hospital Saturday collections realised over £52.

THE CHURCHES.

JUNEE, Thursday.

The Mayor to-day opened a flower show and bazaar in aid of the Church of England.

PARKES, Thursday.

The tender of Messrs. Dodd and Murray has been accepted for the erection of brick additions to the Church of England rectory. The amount is £485, and the work is to be commenced immediately.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

A floral fete and fancy dress fair in connection with the Methodist Church realised nearly £60.

BYRON BAY, Thursday.

An excursion train from Casino yesterday afternoon brought nearly 1000 visitors here. The Casino Brass Band, of twenty performers, played about the town. The number who travelled by the train yesterday exceeded expectations, consequently it will be run on Wednesday every second week.

COOMA, Thursday.

Bread has advanced here to 4d per loaf.

FORSTER, Thursday.

Mr. John Wright's new steamer was successfully launched at noon yesterday. As the vessel left the ways, it was christened Jack, by Miss Wright, the owner's daughter. There was a large gathering of spectators. It is intended for shallow-bar trade, and will be towed next week to Sydney, where the engines will be fitted by Chapman and Co. The vessel is the largest built on this part of the coast.

GRENFELL, Thursday.

The member for the district, Mr. G. A. Burgess, M.L.A., was entertained at a ball last evening, in honour of his again being returned at the recent election. Mr. Burgess was also the recipient of a presentation. The Mayor presided. Councillor Jones made the presentation, and a large number of residents was present.

GUYRA, Thursday.

The tender of Mr. J. P. Kirkwood has been accepted for the erection of a new church at Guyra, the price being £1196.

The Guyra P. and A. Association has accepted the tender of Mr. J. P. Henry for the erection of a new grandstand.

HELENSBURGH, Thursday.

The early morning train, recently added to the time-table, is much appreciated, and is well patronised. The theatre train, on alternate Saturdays, is also hailed with delight.

LOCKHART, Thursday.

Mr. J. C. Stewart, manager of the Bank of New South Wales, was the recipient of a handsome silver tea and coffee service from the citizens on the eve of his marriage with Miss Kelly, of Yerong Creek.

LISMORE, Thursday.

Early this morning a fire was discovered in a dwelling attached to the store of Foon Yung, North Lismore. The fire was soon extinguished. Little damage was done. The place was uninsured.

MANILLA, Thursday.

The price of bread has been increased to 3½d.

NARRANDERA, Thursday.

At the police court on Wednesday, before Mr. Stevenson, P.M., Maude Lewis, alias Maude Sing Moon, charged with selling, without a license, to Ah Fook a bottle of beer, was fined £30, or three months' imprisonment. The fine was paid. Some dozen bottles of beer and spirits were confiscated.

TUMBERUMBA, Thursday.

The Wolsley Park Co-operative Dairying Company's annual picnic was held at the factory yesterday, and was a success, although the amusements were somewhat marred by a thunderstorm.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

As a result of the visit of Mrs. Halladay, the delegate from England, a branch of the Mothers' Union has been formed in Wellington. Mrs. Barry Brown is president, and Miss E. Pike hon. secretary.

Dr. and Mrs. Graham, of Wellington, will leave by the Salamis on an extended visit to England.

WINGHAM, Thursday.

The official opening of the new bridge over Dingo Creek takes place on Saturday. The president of the shire council will perform the ceremony.

The railway surveyors are pushing on with the work, and have almost completed the section from Taree to the river at Woodside.

ASTRONOMICAL NOTES FOR NOVEMBER.

Mr. H. A. Lenehan, Government Astronomer, has supplied the following notes:—

Mercury.—Stationary on Nov. 4 at 8 a.m. Conjunction with the moon on 7th at 10.8 a.m., distance 6deg. 9. Conjunction with Venus on the 8th at 2.10 a.m., distance between the planets 1deg. 5min. In his ascending node on the 14th at 8 a.m. A transit of this planet across the sun's disc will take place on the 14th. It will not be visible from New South Wales, but at Perth the external and internal contacts at ingress will be seen just before the sun sets. Will be in perihelion on the 18th at 10 p.m. Apparently stationary on the 23rd at midnight. Greatest heliocentric north latitude on the 29th at 4 a.m.

Venus.—Conjunction with the moon on the 7th at 7.53 a.m. Descending node on the 7th at 8 a.m. Conjunction with Mercury on the 8th at 2.10 a.m., distance between the planets 1deg. 54min.

Mars.—In quadrature with the sun on the 12th at 7 a.m. In conjunction with the moon on the 13th at 2.11 a.m., distance 58min. of arc north.

Jupiter.—In quadrature with the sun on the 6th at 3 p.m. In conjunction with the moon on the 20th at 6.24 p.m., distance 1deg. 57min. south.

Saturn.—Conjunction with the moon on the 16th at 8.24 a.m., distance 2deg. 26min. north. Apparently stationary on 26th at 10 a.m.

Uranus.—Conjunction with the moon on the 10th at 8.55 a.m., distance 54min. of arc south.

Neptune.—Conjunction with the moon on the 24th at 8.28 a.m., distance 48min. of arc south.

Moon.—New moon on the 6th at 8.23 a.m., first quarter on the 13th at 3.14 a.m. Full moon on the 20th at 10.4 a.m., last quarter on the 28th at 2.21 p.m. Perigee on the 9th at 4 p.m., apogee on the 25th at 4 p.m.

Occultations of Stars by the Moon.—On the 9th the star 14 Sagittarii will disappear behind the moon's limb at 8.10.3 p.m.; the reappearance will take place when the moon is near the horizon. On the 12th, 30 Capricorni, disappearance at 8.30 p.m., reappearance 9.32.2 p.m., angle 222deg. On the 17th, Nu Piscium, disappearance 8.15 p.m., reappearance 9.50.6 p.m., angle 198deg.

Eclipses of Saturn's Satellite, Titan.—On November 14, reappearance 8.22 p.m., distance of the satellite from the limb of the primary 12sec. of arc, angle 81deg. east. On the 30th, at 7.22 p.m., distance 11sec. of arc, angle 82deg. east.

Phenomena of Jupiter's Satellites.—In the December notes the times of certain phenomena will be given that take place prior to midnight.

SUBURBAN TRAINS.

COMPLAINTS FROM SUMMER HILL.

"Summer Hill" writes with reference to the 8.30 a.m. train, and the explanation given by the Railway Department, stating that Summer Hill passengers do not ask for the 8.34 a.m. train to start from Summer Hill, but desire that the 8.30 shall run through from that station and arrive at Sydney earlier than, or at least by, schedule time. He also objects to the train being run into an "outside" platform at the Central Station. Another correspondent, "S. Hill," states that under the new time-table the 8.36 train from Summer Hill is more overcrowded than was the 8.33 formerly. "If the addition of a few mountain trains to the summer time-table means the alteration of so many suburban trains," he asks, "what hope have the Commissioners of coping with the traffic in a few years?" So far as the Summer Hill train is concerned, it is pointed out by the authorities that Summer Hill is only one station of many to be considered in arranging a schedule, and it cannot have a train service to itself. It must be dealt with in conjunction with other places, and the convenience of many thousands of passengers who travel into the city daily. As before stated the traffic is being watched with the object of making any alteration that may be found possible to increase the convenience of suburban residents.

STRATHFIELD-GRANVILLE TRAIN SERVICE.

"A Season Ticket-holder" complains of the bad connection at Strathfield between the 6.5 a.m. train from Sydney and the next train to Granville. He says he is one of several hundred passengers who use the train daily, and have to wait 18 or 20 minutes at Strathfield to continue their journey. The railway authorities explain that naturally the arrangements for the suburban traffic are made having in view the fact that the trend of traffic in the morning is towards Sydney and not towards Granville, and it is probable that the connections at Strathfield for Granville are somewhat inconvenient on that account. The particular instance referred to by the correspondent is being looked into.

Among the illustrations appearing in the "Sydney Mail" this week there are several of the International Rifle Match, as follows:—The Teams in the Empire Match, General Hoad and W. Cutler, The Running Man in Action, and many other striking pictures.—Advt.

SYDNEY LABOUR COUNCIL.

UNIONISM V SOCIALISM.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM OPPOSED.

Last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council was presided over by Mr. P. B. Marshall (vice-president).

In response to the council's letter, a communication was read from the International Socialists' League stating that the representative of the league, who, it was proposed, should speak at the council meeting on "Industrial Trades-unionism," was Mr. Scott Bennett, a former member of the Victorian Parliamentary Labour party.

A motion was moved by Mr. Gallagher that Mr. Bennett be heard.

A Voice: Yes; in two years' time.

Mr. E. Kelly, president of the Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union, hoped the motion would not be carried. At the recent elections Mr. Bennett had spoken in opposition to the selected Labour candidate. What such a man aimed at was not the extension of industrial unionism, but the encouragement of "revolutionary unionism." At first it was "revolutionary socialism" these people wanted; next it was "industrial socialism;" and now it was "industrial trades-unionism." Much had been accomplished in Australia by trades-unionism, and the movement was respected. He hoped the council would not allow any inroads upon this calculated to humbug the workers.

Mr. Thyer (Furniture Trades) considered our trades-unionism had done more than the American revolutionary socialism. Many splendid victories had been achieved, and now the labour movement practically controlled the Federal Government.

Mr. S. T. Harrison (secretary Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union) said the council should be careful before receiving men who had helped to lose the Darling Harbour seat for labour.

As there were many delegates anxious to speak, it was moved that the matter be adjourned till the next meeting night.

The motion to hear the International Socialist delegate was lost by 31 votes to 21.

BUILDING TORPEDO BOATS.

Mr. W. O'Neill (Boilermakers' Union) moved that the discussion on the question of establishing Commonwealth works for the building of torpedo boats in Sydney be postponed for a week.

At a previous meeting of the council it had been decided to have this matter fully discussed at last night's meeting, as over 30 trades would be affected by the building of these vessels.

Mr. E. Riley (Arbitration Court) asked for reasons to be given for the postponement.

Mr. Macleay (Ironworkers' Assistants) explained that Messrs. M'Neill and Storey, Ms.L.A., had in hand the collecting of information which would be of considerable assistance to the council. They hoped to have ready for the next meeting copies of reports in the possession of the Federal Government as to the suitability of Sydney as a naval base.

The council allowed the matter to stand over.

PORTMANTEAU MAKERS.

Mr. FARRAR (Saddlers' Union) explained that the portmanteau makers had decided by 18 votes to 8 to form a separate union. This was contrary to the constitution of the Saddlers' Union. The union had four different branches, but was one collective whole. It was decided that the organising committee of the council should take steps to interview these men.

EARLY CLOSING ACT.

In reply to a letter from the council, the clerk-in-charge of the Department of Labour and Industry wrote stating that the blacksmiths' shops at Moss Vale and Bowral were non-schedule shops, and should close at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays. Municipalities were "shopping districts." in terms of the Early Closing Act, but it was pointed out that Goulburn had been exempted on the ground that blacksmiths were not occupiers of shops.

The secretary, Mr. Cochran, explained that the Minister for Labour had already been asked in Parliament to have farriers, blacksmiths, etc., brought under the provisions of the Early Closing Act. The council should approach the Minister. The matter was referred to the executive.

THE EXCLUSION OF LAWYERS.

Senator Russell telegraphed to say that he was moving in the Federal Parliament for the exclusion of lawyers from the Excise Court, and asked about what amount had been spent in New South Wales in the employment of counsel in the State Arbitration Court.

A chorus of voices: Oh, a million!

The matter was left in the hands of the secretary.

AIRLY MINERS.

A letter from the secretary of the coal and shale miners at Airly stated that the men were still standing firm, living in hopes of a reasonable settlement.

Mr. Thyer (Furniture Trades) believed the men had just claims against the company. But it was possible that they were "on strike while out of work." He suggested that a delegate from the council should go up to Airly.

The matter was referred to the executive with the object of facilitating a settlement.

AID FOR AN IMMIGRANT.

The secretary reported that he had interviewed Mr. Emery, an immigrant, who was in a delicate state of health, in the Sydney Hospital. He was desirous of being assisted to get back to England.

It was suggested that the council should make an appeal to the unions on this man's behalf. Another speaker thought the Government should be asked to pay the expenses of sending him back, as it had brought him out under misrepresentation.

Mr. Fox (Painters' Union) regretted to hear that this immigrant was ill. But, once he got well, if he could not earn a living in Australia, the best country in the world, he could not expect to be able to earn a living anywhere.

Mr. McEvoy (Australasian Engineers) said there ought to be a smoke concert, which would be the best advertisement they could have about the failure of immigration.

At the instance of Mr. E. J. Kavanagh (Pressers' Union), it was decided that Mr. Emery's friends should meet after the council meeting as a committee to devise means for getting him back to Great Britain.

APPEALS DISTRIBUTION.

Mr. Harrison (Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union) gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting,—"That in all cases where an appeal is made through the council to unions for financial assistance, the union so appealing be notified that, where practicable, the council must be represented on the committee appointed to disburse such moneys collected, and so prevent their being used for purposes other than those for which they were subscribed."

SHOP ASSISTANTS' AWARD.

AN ENGLISH CRITICISM.

In the "Drapers' Record" of September 14 appears a criticism of the recent award of the Arbitration Court to the Shop Assistants' Union. In the course of the paragraph it is stated:—"The paternal interest of the State in the interests of the assistants in so minute in detail, that the State may almost be said to be a partner with the employer in the organisation of his business. 'Socialism' is a very wide term, which is variously interpreted by many people, but in this award we seem to have an example of practical socialism. It is early days yet to consider the effect the award will have on the drapery trade of Australia. According to advices received, the award has met with a very mixed reception, but it is only fair to state that one or two prominent employers of labour have cordially welcomed it. We need only observe a little patience, and we shall be able to find out from experience whether the principle of a legal minimum wage in the Australian drapery trade can be pronounced a definite success. If that should prove to be the event, labour agitators on this side will have good ground for pressing for a similar reform on this side. The history, however, of labour legislation in Australia has not so far taught us any very valuable lessons. Indeed, many intelligent and broad-minded people in Australia state that this legislation has been carried to an absurd degree, and that a reaction against it is inevitable. In regard to this particular award, we have at the moment only one important observation to make on the broad issue; and that is, that legislation against sweating is one thing of which we can all approve almost with unanimity, but that legislation fixing the wages to be paid at the different ages of employees is certainly open to controversy as an unnecessary interference with the natural movements of the labour market."

PRAYER FOR RAIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Is it not nearly time that our Government took steps to appoint a day for national humiliation and prayer for rain?

I believe that it is a generally admitted fact that on each occasion during, say, the last 40 years, when God's forgiveness and blessing have been so sought, He has graciously vouchsafed an answer by abundance of rain.

Such being the case, and a remedy for the evils of drought so easily available, surely it argues a hardy indifference to the welfare of the community to neglect it.

I am, etc.,
Oct. 28. ANDREW MENZIES.

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AMUSEMENTS.

GARCIA SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The piano pupils of Mlle. Yvonne Leverrier at the Garcia School of Music gave a concert at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night, with the assistance of various artists, the result being a programme of considerable interest. Many people attended on purpose to hear Brahms' "Quintett" (op. 34), of which, in the order now quoted, the second and first movements were rendered by Mlle. Leverrier, and M.M. Henri Staell, F. Mowat Carter, V. Jansson, and Bryce Carter. The impressive originality of the music inspired those present with a wish to hear the famous composition in its entirety, though the players no doubt exercised a wise discretion in giving part only of so difficult a work—not only hard to play, but at a first hearing, though always striking, not always charmful. After the curious opening of the second movement, the pianist reached a point at which the composer allowed her to bring to the ensemble an element of grandeur, and at that phase in the development Mlle. Leverrier's influence was invaluable. The first movement was led off with confident animation and vigour by all concerned, and proved of fascinating, though highly complex, interest. M. Henri Staell led the strings finely, through a wonderfully complicated ensemble for these instruments alone, which became merged in a rapid and marvellous termination, wherein the pianist joined effectively. All the artists were heartily recalled at the close, and flowers were presented.

Miss Florence Gibson's rich contralto voice was employed with taste in "The Kashmiri Song" (Finden), with Liddle's "In My Garden" as encore, but her happiest effort was "A Bowl of Roses" (d'Hardelot), which was cleverly interpreted. The encore was Olly Speaks's "Long Ago." Mr. Charles Larsen's melodious baritone quality ensured him an encore after "Infelice," to which he added, with tenderness, Trotere's "Within Your Heart." The most advanced of the students, Miss Dorothy Scott-Young, exhibited a well-formed technique in Handel's "Gavotte Variee," the sparkling [illegible] of which led to an extra piece. Mr. W. Cresswell, Miss Molly Malone, and Miss Isabelle Ramsay had also profited by careful training. Miss Lillian Frost accompanied the vocalists. There was a large attendance.

INEBRIATE INSTITUTIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is to be hoped that this new Government and this new Parliament will do something more for the unfortunate drunkards of the country than the last Government and last Parliament did. The Inebriates Act of 1900 was passed at the instigation of the Hon. Dr. Creed, M.L.C., and the work of erecting the institutions on Rabbit and Milson's islands on the Hawkesbury River, just above the railway bridge, was commenced by myself as Minister for Works. The asylum for females on Rabbit Island was nearly completed, and we have been paying a caretaker for over two years. A water supply was constructed on one of the contiguous hills, and the work of clearing for the institution for males on Milson's Island was begun. Then the Carruthers Government came into power, and Mr. Hogue, then Chief Secretary, took it upon himself to stop both works, after reading a report from a gentleman who is by no means regarded as an expert on such matters.

Yet there is an urgent necessity for these inebriate retreats.

The police records show that in 1903 there were upwards of 1100 chronic drunkards who brought themselves under this section of the Act. Of this number it is thought that probably 500 are able-bodied men and women capable of cure, who should be provided for in the establishments on the Hawkesbury. The remaining 600 are the decrepit repeatedly convicted drunkards, who could more properly be committed to portions of existing benevolent asylums to be proclaimed inebriate institutions for the purpose. This would mean but little, if any, change in asylum management, and would give power for controlling the movements of these drunkards which cannot be exercised at present. Many of the persons who would be sent to asylums under this section now apply for admission when so sickened by drink as to need treatment and nursing. As soon as they recover they can insist on leaving, and as there is no power to prevent their doing so until the Act is enforced they revert to their old courses, only to be brought back drunken wrecks for fresh repair.

These inebriate institutions would relieve wives and husbands of the unbearable burden of drunken partners. They would give children a fair chance of being properly brought up. The State would thus benefit, as the children thus saved from moral contamination would have better prospects of growing up good citizens. Police duties would be lessened, and crimes decreased. The expenditure on gaols would be curtailed. Able-bodied inebriates in an institution would be so employed as to earn more than enough to support themselves. An inebriate institution would have the security without the appearance of a prison. The streets would be cleared of chronic drunkards, and an unavoidable demoralising influence to the young removed. Outrage on children would be lessened, as men now frequently plead drunkenness in mitigation of their crime. The work of hospitals would be abbreviated. Economy would be effected in gaol expenditure. The work of the minor courts would be curtailed, and the police be better able to deal with more serious offences. The amount already spent upon providing accommodation for women at Rabbit Island is £12,000. The amount proposed to be spent upon Milson's Island for men is £20,000. There is a water supply on a neighbouring hill common to both institutions. All the money spent will be wasted if these retreats are not completed.

When in gaol the drunkards cost the country from 15s to 18s per week. In the inebriate institutions they may be made self-supporting, because they will work at various industries.

To make the system a success inebriates should be classified. Decrepits should be sent to such institutions as are proclaimed inebriate retreats. Darlinghurst Gaol, though quite unfit for the retention of drunkards capable of reform, will be useful as a classification depot for drunkards who have been convicted.

These are but a few of the reasons in favour of the establishment of State inebriate retreats, and it is to be hoped that both the Government and Parliament will carefully consider these and other views to be advanced in favour of them when the psychological moment arrives. Some of the information and arguments in the foregoing are taken from writings by Miss Rose Scott and the Hon. Dr. Creed, M.L.C.

I am, etc.
E. W. O'SULLIVAN.

A Capua boy, 12 years of age, was found crying bitterly, and on being asked by his mother the reason for this, said he had just seen his father, who was absent in America, at the point of death, assisted by two sisters of charity. Next morning came a letter from America announcing the father's death.

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GRIFFITH.—The Friends of Mr. BERNARD GRIFFITH and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE and their MOTHER, Bridget; to move from their residence, 293 Nelson-street, Annandale, THIS FRIDAY, at 2 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. By request, no flowers. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street, city. Tel., 875.

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